

Meeting: Soil & Water Conservation District

Date & Time: Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Location: Legislature

Attendees:

Agenda Item	Leader/Presenter	Discussion	Action
Farm Construction Projects	Katie Sommerfeldt	We have one Grassed Waterway almost completed, one Agrichemical Handling Facility half way completed, and a Micro Irrigation project completed. Three other Micro Irrigation projects and a Cattle Heavy Use Area are planned to be installed soon.	
Education and Outreach	Katie Sommerfeldt	Shoreline Cleanup (September 17th) Conservation Field days Fair Enrichment Second year of our Invasive Species Swallow Wart Biocontrol Project Master Gardeners presentations	
Highway Assistance	Katie Sommerfeldt	11 culvert sizings Ditch surveys and planning ditch cleaning projects hydroseeding Planning Stream Blockage Removals	
AEM Round 17 funding	Katie Sommerfeldt	Currently at \$22,392 of technical assistance money we have made this year. We have designed projects on two farms to spend \$100,000 to improve water quality.	
Landowner Assistance	Katie Sommerfeldt	We have assisted many landowners by giving them suggestions on how to solve their drainage issues and identifying invasive plant species. We also assisted landowners with stocking their ponds with fish and helping them with permits to get these fish.	
Staffing	Katie Sommerfeldt	We hired a new technician, Hannah Shervin. Hannah is taking over where our last technician left off. She is leading the biocontrol project at Holley Falls and becoming our invasive species expert. She is also helping us with our daily technical tasks assisting farms, landowners and the municipalities.	

Respectfully submitted,

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