

## Wayne County Ag Success Team Minutes

July 14, 2011

**In attendance:** Duane Wood, Brian Gwin, Deana Hudgins, Jessica Eikleberry, Ron Becker, Katie Myers, Casey Hoy, Tom Stocksdale, Chris Finney

Media: Bobby Warren (The Daily Record)

**Treasurer's Report:** balance total \$3,697.16 - \$500 donated to Triway Jr. High

### **WEDC Report (Brian Gwin)**

AgBioScience Cluster Project mapping system is operational and can be found on the Local Foods website. See attached handout of Apple Creek CIP as an example of the application. Provides community workspace in a Google platform to help manage Ag assets.

WEDC has been working on 3-4 small projects to attract outside companies to the area.

John Fitzpatrick has been leading the Product Development Sub-Committee for the past three months. They have been working on attracting food processing operations to the area.

### **Round Table**

Duane – SWCD has been working on spring development for a local dairy farm, a chicken storage facility and two dairy storage units.

November 15, 2011 is the date for the annual Wayne County SWCD meeting. Jerry Payne will be the speaker.

Chippewa sub-district is trying to get buffers, waterways and erosion practices installed. They are teaming with Medina County and working on providing incentive payments up front for participation.

Muskingum District has funds available for log jam removal. Muddy Fork and Jerome Fork will be participating.

Ron – Dairy Twilight Tour will be July 19 at the John and Lois Douglass farm. The Horticulture Twilight Tour will also be July 19 at the Yoder Farm.

They are seeing lots of entomology issues this year due to the highly saturated soil. Different pest and disease activity from previous years.

Katie – Farmland Preservation Program update: Spoke to Mike Bailey, ODA is cutting funds so the program will have to be administered locally. Tier 1 done locally, Tier 2 done by Board in Columbus. The administrative Code is changing so petitioning local lawmakers about the changes to the Program will have no effect.

Casey – USDA project is finishing this year. It will be going through one more phase of updating the functionality of the website.

They are working to come up with Community Investment Portfolio projects and they will be submitting a grant this fall to take the project forward.

ODA Grant update: Farm to Institutional Sales Guide will be published this summer.

Plots have been established as a result of the ideas from last year's Stinner Summit.

Jessica – Local Roots grant from the county has been approved for \$99,000 for the kitchen, it must be used within 14 months.

The small kitchen is operating from 11-2 for lunch. Summer hours are in effect Monday-Saturday. They may hire a part – time person to help.

Chris - Mohican Basin meeting in Franklin Township was well attended and there will be sign up days for people interested in joining the association.

Estate tax has been repealed, in effect as of 1/1/13.

Tom – See handout for the 2011 Fair Guide.

Meeting Adjourned. Will send out next meeting request.