



Soil Scoop!

Spencer County Soil and Water Conservation District

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.” - Margaret Mead

Upcoming Events

February 19th-

President’s Day: USDA Service Center is closed.

February 6th SWCD

Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., USDA Service Center

March 8th – Crop Day, St.

Meinrad Community Center, 6:00 PM

March 7th Southern

Indiana Grazing Conference **WestGate Academy** near Odon, IN

March 26th - SWCD

Monthly Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., USDA Service Center

Spencer County SWCD Board

Supervisors

Brian Rahman - Chair
Burke Sibrel - Vice Chair
Alan Waninger - Secretary
Mark Lubbehusen
Tim Luecke

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SWCD Annual Meeting

There are some changes coming to the SWCD! We would like to welcome Tim Luecke as the new Supervisor who was elected at the annual meeting on January 22nd. Alan Waninger, the current secretary, was also re-appointed.

After many years of service to the District, the SWCD Board honored Mike Roos for his number of years of dedicated service. The District also awarded Phillip Schmidt the conservation farmer of the year award, a very deserving individual for the years of education and practices on his land. Alan Waninger was presented with his farm sign for the state River Friendly Farmer Award. Finally, Elliot Rahman, the Soils Grand Champion, was awarded with a certificate and funds with the intent he purchase a savings bond. It is our hope that young people like Elliot continue to take an interest in conservation.

Michael Wilhite saved the evening by discussing weather folklore with our attendees, since our original speaker was unable to attend during the government furlough.



Are you interested in becoming an Affiliate Member?

Affiliate Memberships are monetary donations which help support our education programming, cost-share funding for grants, and many other activities which stay within the county and they are very important to the mission of the SWCD.

Your farm or business will be recognized at many events including the 4-H fair, newsletters, our Annual Meeting and Spencer County SWCD the website.

The levels of membership are:

Platinum (\$301+)

Gold (\$151-300)

Silver (\$51-150)

Bronze (\$26-50)

Contributor (\$15-25)

If you are interested, please contact Courtney at the office. 812-649-7003

Southern Indiana Grazing Conference

The date for the 9th Annual SIGC has been set for March 7, 2018. The planning committee has confirmed our speakers: Dr. Allen Williams, PhD., President of Grass Fed Insights, LLC; Dr. Patrick (Pat) Keyser, PhD, Director of the University of Tennessee Center for Native Grasslands

Management; and Dr. Ray Smith, PhD, Extension Forage Specialist, University of Kentucky. Be sure to watch this page and follow the SIGC on Facebook for updates and information.

The 2018 SIGC will be held at WestGate Academy Conferencing & Training Center, 13598 E 1650 N, Odon IN 47562. For more information on registration, please contact the Daviess County Soil and Water Conservation District, 812-254-4780 ext. 3.

Are you interested in knowing more about what you are feeding your stock?

Texas A&M University System - AgriLife Research Grazingland Animal Nutrition Lab offers services which will determine the quality of your grain or hay. The analysis is a reasonable fee, but they will also offer suggestions for increasing the nutrient content for your cattle.

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