



St. Joseph County Conservation District
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Board Meeting Minutes for June 17, 2026

6:00 pm Call to Order by Chad Clark

Pledge of Allegiance

Directors Present:

Chad Clark, Board chair
Dan Blasius, Vice Chair
Todd Hironimus, Treasurer
Carol Higgins, Member

Director Absent

Mike Sherman, Member

Associate Board Members:

Howard Avildsen

Staff Present:

Carolyn Grace
Mike Censke
Ashley Waltke
Shaun Grace

Introductions / Visitors:

County Commissioner Terry Connklin

Additions / Deletions to Agenda Higgins motion to accept the board agenda. Hironimus second. Motion passed

Approval of Board Minutes:

Higgins moved to approve the board minutes from April, Hironimus second. Motion passed
Higgins motioned to approve the May Cancellation of Board meeting Blasius second, motion passed

Treasurer Report: Hironimus explained he looked over the financials then he motioned to place the financials on file for April and May. Higgins second motion approved.

Correspondence Reports:

Administrator: Grace explained her report with question and comments from the board.

CISMA: written and Spoken. S. Grace talked about the events throughout the 3 counties.

CTAI: written

MDARD: Written

CTAP: Censke spoke about his busy schedule and verifications in Cass as well as in St. Joseph. Discussion about the farm and verification was had and how the staff will help out with Regenerative Agriculture soil samples to complete that goal.

Board: Higgins spoke about the State and the new MACD Report from Rivka. She also reported that she will be attending the NACD summer conference in Grand Rapids on a full scholarship in July.

Old Business:

- **Conflict of Interest**
- **Pledge of Allegiance** Clark was asked by a veteran if we said the Pledge at the beginning of our meetings. He explained to the board that he would like to begin that next meeting. Blasius will bring a flag.

New Business:

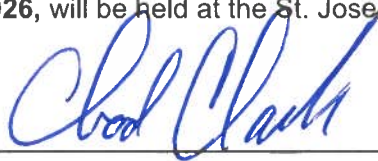
- **Tree P&L** will be tabled until next month as there were still outstanding checks.
- **Grants:** Grace discussed the upcoming FY27 budget in regards to the CTAI grant. Waltke will continue at her current rate of pay, with a decreased work week. CTAP grant has been submitted and will know the results by mid August. Conservation Technician, Kaitlin Renehan will be working on GLRI, grant proposal writing, and completing grant reports with Grace.
- **Resolution from Kent County Conservation District:** Higgins asked to have a discussion about the resolution written by Kent county CD. The board asked to table the vote until the July meeting

PA116: none just help with some community members.

Adjournment: at 7:33pm Higgins made a motion to adjourn and Hironimus second. Motion passed.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2026, will be held at the St. Joseph County Conservation District Offices at 6:00pm.

Board Chair Signature: _____



Date: 7-15-2026