



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11/12/2024  
USDA Office

### Board Members

**Larry Kilmer**

*Chairman*

**John Fielding**

*Vice Chairman*

**John Demerly**

*Supervisor*

**Steve Cosgray**

*Supervisor*

**Rich Hines**

*Supervisor*

**Bruce Reynolds**

*Associate Supervisor*

### Staff

**Katie Snowberger**

*District Administrator*

**PRESENT: Steve C, Larry K, John D, John F, Bruce, Rich H, Marty H, Dereick, Cayci, Katie**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 by Larry K

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Motion By: John D**

**Seconded By: Steve Cosgray**

**Motion Carried**

#### 3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

*Staff/Office Update*

Katie gave her report of what have been done over the past few weeks. Discussion of the invasive species was brought up that are at the solar farms by Larry. Wanted to know what could be done about it since we talked about weed wrangle earlier.

*NRCS Update*

Derick presented what NRCS is doing and introduced Cayci to the board. CSP and EQUIP was talked about.

*ISDA Update*

Geneva was not in attendance but she sent in her report

*Extension Update*

Marty was present and had different programs he wanted to make the group aware of that were coming up. Talked about working with us on the Cover Crop Plot

*RC&D Update*

Meeting in a few weeks

*Other Partners*

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### *Fair Project*

Marty talked to April Hall about the project and was informed that the paper work on the plan was handed to Mike Smolck and would try to see about trying to get the ball rolling on it again.

##### *Annual Meeting*

Went over the check list to get some of the items off the board and decision made to get location changed since the Beehive was taken during that day. Planning on handing out an award for Pence for the Friends of Conservation. Going to work on getting a plaque made from Tom Walker. The Board has thought of wanted to invite people from the Town Boards from neighboring towns, Reynolds, Chalmers, Brookston, Wolcott, and Monon. Wanting to make sure we do a face-to-face invite since that would be more personable than mail/emailing invite to them. The decoration was decided to omit the flowers and try to find a way to use small spruce trees for center pieces. Katie is going to find the past information for the annual meeting from 2023 to get a template of what to expect and what is needed as a script. Going to find a sign in sheet from past to gain idea of amount of people to attend, idea is about 25-50. Wanting to also try to reach out to the banks to invite them since the work with the Ag community on loans.

**Motion:** To use the Church of God for the annual meeting location.

**Motion By:** Steve Cosgray

**Seconded By:** John Fielding

**Motion Carried**

##### *IDEA Conference*

Discussed the new dues for the IDEA raised from 25 to 50.00 and also talked about the hotel bill from the conference that Katie paid for out of pocket.

**Motion:** Moved to accept the annual dues for IDEA at the price of \$50.00

**Motion By:** John F

**Seconded By:** John D

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** Moved to pay Katie's Hotel bill for her stay at the IDEA Conference that was paid for out of pocket

**Motioned By: Steve C.**

**Seconded By: John F**

**Motion Carried**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *IASWCD Annual Conference*

Katie needs to look into if we can add delegates to the conference, will be looking for an email in Katelyn's email for any information on it. And get John F submitted to be a delegate. It was discussed who would be attending the conference, Katie and John F will be attending. Needing to get registration completed by Nov 15<sup>th</sup> for early bird pricing. John F is only wanting to have hotel room for Monday night, Katie will see if she needs to book for Sunday and Monday or just Monday, depends on what is planned for Sunday agenda.

**Motion:** To have Katie and John F attend the IASWCD conference and to book hotel stay for them.

**Motion By: John D**

**Seconded By: Steve C.**

**Motion Carried**

### *Business Plan*

The board went over the notes that Geneva and Katie worked on the past week. Work on Co Sponsoring with the Purdue Extension more on project to expand in to the community more and to do more on and outreach program. It was also discussed to work on thinking of ways to do more for education programs such as maybe work on some hand outs and a location on the website for educational resources for the teacher to be able to access. Rich asked if it would be possible to try to find ways to show numbers to get a better way to measure the progress. Discussion of the part time person was brought up to see about how we might need to rethink what will be needed since the education side is changing from what it has been in the past. Will come back to that subject as we get better idea of how we are moving along.

## **5. OTHER**

### *Tree City*

MOU was signed

**Motion:** Require Katie to read and understand the requirements of the SWCD place in the MOU and to hold the city to their obligations likewise according to the MOU.

**Motion By:** Rich

**Seconded By:** John F

**Motion Carried**

**6. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06am.

Next meeting will be held on:

12/10/24

Time:8am

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