



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

2/11/25

USDA

### 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 Larry, John D, John F, Rich Bruce, Marty, Cayci, Katie, Courtney**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:58am by Larry K

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

- a. A change was requested on last months note under Tree City. "Rich wanted Katie to check with Mitch to see about the tree ordinances on signs within the city. To make sure they are in the correct spots."

**Motion By: John D**

**Seconded By: Rich**

**Motion Carried**

#### 3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

*Staff/Office Update*

Katie gave her update

*NRCS Update*

Derek was absent but submitted his update

*ISDA Update*

Geneva was not present but submitted her notes. Courtney was present and gave her update on Soil sampling program is on hold while there are looking for funding.

*Extension Update*

Marty was present and gave his updates

*RC&D Update*

John F gave an update saying that they got a lot of applicates for the grant and would be going over them on 2/20 meeting

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### *Annual Meeting*

Cleaning Fee was presenting to the board to see if they would like to use their cleaning person so that we do not have to worry about being there late after the meeting to clean up. Went over the script for the meeting. Asked about how we know what government offices would show up. They requested having a spot for them to say what organization they came from. Also check to see if it was known how many FFA Members there were in the Tri County FFA, was told 3 new ones and 1 returning student plus the two advisors. Katie is planning on finishing up the booklets for the meeting and getting them ordered and mailed to the office. All the awards have come in for the FFA Soils team.

**Motion:** To pay the church cleaning person to clean up after the annual meeting for 50.00 fee listed on the church fees paper.

**Motion By: Rich**

**Seconded By: John F**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion:** For Katie to pay the expenses and other items needed for the annual meeting.

**Motion by: John D**

**Seconded by: Rich**

**Motion Carried**

##### *Quickbooks*

Katie let the board know that she reviewed the different levels for quickbooks and it would not hurt for the quickbooks to be moved to the middle level. Nothing that is on the higher level is required for her to do the job for bookkeeping.

##### **RCD Grant**

Katie updated the board on what the grant was requested for. Was able to show them the layout and what items are being selected for the water feature. Other ideas that came up was signage for the area that show Soil and Water and also having some feature showing and labeling what native plants are planted around the water feature to allow others to get ideas of what they can do.

##### *Ag Day*

Katie presented to the board ideas of items we can get to put into the swag bags. Items listed were bookmarks, ag magazines, corn nuts/soy nuts, and an ag booklet. The board liked the ideas

but were also concerned that those items don't specify WC Soil and Water. The idea of the corn nuts was agreed on and Katie is going to make labels to go on the bags that tell facts about White County and that say Soil and Water to help identify where they came from.

**Motion:** To buy corn nuts and other supplies that go with them for ag day.

**Motion by:** Rich

**Seconded by:** John D

**Motion Carried**

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### *IDEA Membership*

The Idea Membership is coming up due this year for 2025. It was presented to the board and was requested that we consider paying the 50.00 dues for the membership for Katie to continue to be a part of the group. It was agreed on by the group that this program is good for Katie to continue being part of.

**Motion:** to continue the membership with the IDEA and pay the 50.00 dues.

**Motion By:** Rich

**Seconded By:** John F

**Motion Carried**

### *AFR*

Continued update to the group to let them know where we are on the AFR schedule and due dates. The last part that is needed is to enter the AFR information in to GMS. Which is due 3/31

## 6. OTHER

### *Tree City*

Updated logo ideas was presented to the group with the ideas that were presented at the last meeting. A logo with a single oak tree was selected with the words under the tree. And another with a circle around an oak tree with Tree City Monticello in the center under the tree. White County Soil and Water is to go under the Tree City Monticello, but was to be set at half the size to make it smaller. It was mentioned trying to see if we can see what the logo would look like vertical and horizontal presentation. Example was to try the tree to the left and having the wording next to it on the right. For the horizontal sign. It was brought up about trying to figure out how we are going to broadcast the arbor day planting. An idea that came up was to looking into doing a publication on facebook, Katie is going to see if she can reach out to Nikki or Cindy with the Bluestem nature Center since they do a lot of outreach with the parks.

### *Tax Papers*

Two different tax papers came in the mail. One was for interest on savings account and the other was for government payments. It was uncertain what was needed to be done with them, Katie is going to reach out to other SWCDs to see if they have gotten them before and what their protocol is for them. If that is unknown then Katie will reach out to Geneva.

### *Hotel Bill: Katie and John F*

It was presented to the board that the debit card didn't work for Katie or John when the checked out of the hotel. It was found out the card wasn't activated correctly.

**Motion:** to reimburse Katie and John F for the hotel bill of 149 each.

**Motion by:** Rich

**Seconded by:** John D

**Motion Carried**

## 7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:5am.

Next meeting will be held on:

March 11th

Time: 6pm

Faith Connection Idaville