



Approval of Meeting Minutes

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District Administrator

The Meeting Minutes for May 2024 has been reviewed and approved by the following White County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors at a meeting held on June 11, 2024 (date).

Larry Kilmer, Chair

John B. Fielding, Supervisor

Rich Hines, Supervisor

John R. Demerly, Supervisor

Steve Cosgray, Supervisor



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2024

USDA Service Center

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PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, John Demerly, Rich Hines, Bruce Reynolds, Hannah

Buckner, Marty Huseman, Shelia Schroeder, Celia Tharp

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:59 am by Larry Kilmer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion By: Rich Hines

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

3. Old Business

Part-Time Job

Currently in interview process; still searching for best candidate.

County Soils Map

The soils map has arrived and is now hanging in the office foyer.

Flags & Plat Books

Order of flags and plat books has arrived. Sales have slowed down.

Award Nominations & Grants

Pence Revington was very appreciate of her nomination. Still can nominate for River Friendly Farmer and apply to CWI or 319 grants.

Liberty Landfill

Inspection has been complete. Erosion and sedimentation issues were present but management has a plan in place.

4. New Business

Internet

Board was presented with options for new District Internet.

Motion: To acquire new internet, based on District Administrator's opinion of best option

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Rich Hines

Motion Carried

Fair Week

District will forgo any sponsorships this year but wants to look into creating an area dedicated to SWCD on the fairgrounds.

Water Management Forum

Board decided that no money will be provided for the high school students unless an exact number is given.

White Oak Initiative

Rich Hines lead the discussion on what he feels would be a good opportunity for White County SWCD to create an urban tree program.

Volunteer Forms

Board was presented with an example of volunteer forms and the question of completing background checks on volunteers.

Field Day with Cass County

SWCD will consider hosting a water issues event in conjunction with Cass SWCD.

Hoosier Riverwatch

District Administrator is now trained to do Riverwatch monitoring and is signed up for the instructor training in July. Goal is to host County trainings in conjunction with Parks Dept to increase number of volunteers.

IDEA Conference

White SWCD is on the host/planning committee for the 2024 IDEA Conference, which is looking for donations.

Motion: To donate \$1,000 to the 2024 IDEA Conference

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Rich Hines

Motion Carried

IASWCD Dues

Board wants to table the discussion to a later date to have more time to consider their options on the 2024 IASWCD Dues.

Civil Rights Review

Celia Tharp completed the NRCS Civil Rights Review with Board.

Staff/Office Update

District Administrator, Katelyn Walker, provided her update on workload and upcoming events.

NRCS Update

Acting District Conservationist, Celia Tharp, and Soil Conservationist, Hannah Buckner, provided their report on the workload of NRCS.

ISDA Update

Geneva Tyler, District Support Specialist, provided a written report.

Extension Update

Marty Huseman, ANR Educator, provided the Extension update.

CCSI Update

The CCSI update was provided by Shelia Schroeder.

5. OTHER

Newspaper Articles

Articles from Annual Meeting and the RC&D Grant Acceptance are ready to be published.

Motion: To pay for the articles to be published in the newspapers.

Motion By: Rich Hines

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

6. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Next meeting will be held on:

June 11, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM

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