



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

6/10/2025

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: John F. John D. Rich, Steve, Bruce, Marty, Derek, Larry, Katie, Dave Davis**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00am by John Fielding

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

##### May Financials/Minutes

**Motion By: John D**

**Seconded By: Rich**

**Motion Carried**

#### 3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

##### Staff/Office Update

Katie gave her updates, Idea for getting the garden lesson known was to add fliers to the Walmart Garden Center. Needs to send out congratulations to the Tri Co. Soils team for winning Nationals

##### NRCS Update

Derek gave update, 1 Equip approved thought the IRA. Had 7 reenrolls.

##### ISDA Update

Geneva was not present but had submitted her update

##### Extension Update

Marty gave his update. Has 45 to 50 kids coming to the Soil Health event through 4H.

##### RC&D Update

John F gave update, there is a zoom meeting in June, the annual meeting is set for Sept 17<sup>th</sup> the guest speaker is Chad Evans

##### Other Partners

Dave Davis let us know there were a few openings for the county.

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

##### *County Comprehension Plan*

Attendance to the meetings was low. The group is wanting to have this plan figured out before the end of the year so that it can be started.

The objective of this is to get a feeling of what the people of the county are wanting ie, add or subtract the idea of solar panels, windmills, and tourism. Guidance to write the plan is what the main purpose for these meets is so that everyone is involved and it gets them a better idea of as a whole what everyone is thinking about for the county.

##### *Landfill Inspection*

The inspection is completed and the information has been turned into IDEM. As a whole everyone that attend the meeting at the landfill were happy with how everything was looking and how the superintendent was willing to talk to us about what he is currently doing and what he is planning as future ways to improve the landfill from erosion.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### *Budget*

Went over the different sections of the budget for 2026. It was discussed by the board that the current rate of living had gone up so they agreed on going with 3% raise on the District Administrator pay. The Part Time pay is going to stay the same. Office Supplies, and printing are going to stay the same. Mileage is going to stay the same for now, but depending on the amount used in the current year we might adjust next year. Advertisement, computer, and copier maintenance are going to stay the same also with no changes. The advertisement might be adjust next year depending on if we find out we will need to do more marketing.

##### *2025 Transect*

Included in their packets were the results from the 2025 transect route to show no till vs tillage.

##### *Business Plan*

Rich requested the board take home the business plan and review. The next meeting there will be discussion for what we can do and how to grow our involvement for the county. Work on what other do and to see what we can do to implement the business plan. Ideas that were brought up were trying to get a Riverwatch started in the county. Which would mean Katie needs to be trained in Riverwatch. Also need to work on getting a bigger footprint on Facebook for marketing.

## 6. **OTHER**

### *6Month Review*

Needing to have a 6month review set up for the next meeting for Katie. That will be added to the agenda for the meeting in July

### *New Supervisor*

Everyone needs to be on the lookout/thinking of who we can approach for supervisor. Ideas that were brought to the table were seed sales, agronomist, equipment dealers, master gardeners, master conservationist, or someone with technology background. Wanting to get a head start on this because there will be a timeframe where the information will need to be added onto conservation link for elections.

### *Partnership With Parks Garden Lesson*

Katie approached the board to see what they thought about having a budget for some spending if we are needing to purchase items for the garden lesson. An example that she brought up was needing worms for compost for the worm lesson with the parks dept.

Instead of emailing the board to request use for dollar amount to cover what comes up for the lessons a request for a budget was asked for the time of the lessons.

**Motion:** To establish a budget to have \$200.00 set to fund education needs for the June/July Garden Lessons.

**Motion By: John D**

**Seconded By: Steve C**

**Motion Carried**

## 7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21am.

Next meeting will be held on:

7/8/2025

Time: 8:00am

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