



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11/14/2025

White County Extension Office

Board Members

John Fielding

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Rich Hines

Vice Chairman

John Demerly

Supervisor

Steve Cosgray

Supervisor

Larry Kilmer

Supervisor

Bruce Reynolds

Associate Supervisor

Staff

Katie Snowberger

District Administrator

**PRESENT John F, John D. Marty H, Bruce R, Rich H, Katie S.
Steve C.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by John F

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion By: John D

Seconded By: Rich

Motion Carried

3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

Staff/Office Update

Katie gave her update, and was giving great ideas of how to try to get into schools through PTO group

NRCS Update

Back in the office

ISDA Update

Geneva sent out update

Extension Update

Marty provided his update. He had an Ag Outlook meeting on the 12th of Nov. He has 3 PARP Sessions booked, one is Nov 24th at the 4h Community Building, and the others are December the 9th at Tri County High School and December 16th at the 4H community Building. He is also working on getting some winter classes set up.

RC&D Update

State Envirothon has a meeting on November 17th and then the Education Committee has a meeting on December 10 in Winamac.

Other Partners

4. OLD BUSINESS

Tree City

The Monticello Urban Tree Board has not been able to get a meeting date set due to conflicting schedules. That will be hopefully soon and we will be able to get an update for the board on how events are coming along. The signs have been bought and delivered to Monticello.

Wolcott Tree City is in the works. Kamron is leaving the community, but Jared the Street Supervisor is planning on stepping up and running with the program here on out. Monticello has given permission to use the tree pamphlet for the Wolcott Tree City.

Annual Meeting

Katie let the board know that she has been in contact with the White County Historical Society, and they have found some articles for us to look over. Katie needs to work on a time to go over and get the copies of the papers to try to work on a timeline to present for the annual meeting. Leslie had mentioned to John and Katie that her brother would be a good resource to use at our annual meeting since we are wanting to have a presentation about Native American history in White County. An idea is talking about how farming in this area has changed over time such as using the “3sisters” technique in planting crops together.

Business Plan

The board wanted to get a meeting set up before the end of the year. The date that was agreed on was December 12th at 8am. The meeting will be held at the Purdue Extension office in Reynolds. Marty will make sure the room is available to the board to use. Katie is going to invite Geneva to attend the meeting. Katie is also going to purchase donuts and have coffee available for the meeting on the 12th.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Prime Farm Ground Ordinance

Rich presented to the board papers that were presented to him. What it is saying to him is this is the Government telling people what they can do with their land. Or is it a good help? Marty asked how do you define what is good farm ground. Best he could come up with an answer is high, medium or low yielding ground. But that is sometimes subjective because of what is

reported. Bruce said that something that can help is looking at the soil survey classifications of each soil type to determine what is good ground to come up with an estimate on yield.

A question mentioned was how does SWCD feel? Where do we start to educate the public on the land of prime or not. Or should we have a voice in this at all? Katie is going to ask Geneva if we could be involved and or give input in talking to this group dealing with the prime ground ordinance.

6. **OTHER**

Landfill Inspection

Katie let the board know she is going to be reaching out to Jason at the Liberty landfill to set up a date to go out and inspect the landfill. Once she has a date, she will send an email out to the board if any of them would like to accompany her on the landfill inspection. Katie mentioned the times she has been by the landfill she has seen a lot of improvements and new soil topping the landfill to finish of sections.

7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32am.

Next meeting will be held on:

12/9/2025

Time: 8:00am

USDA