



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

4/21/26

USDA

Board Members

John Fielding

Chairman

Rich Hines

Vice Chairman

John Demerly

Supervisor

Steve Cosgray

Supervisor

Phil Huber

Supervisor

Larry Kilmer

Associate Supervisor

Bruce Reynolds

Associate Supervisor

Staff

Katie Snowberger

District Administrator

**PRESENT John F, Rich, Steve, Katie, Penny Titus, Mike Smolek,
Derek, Courtney**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05am by John F

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

Staff/Office Update

Katie gave her update

NRCS Update

Derek told the board he had 19 EQIP applications, 11 were submitted, 2 canceled and 6 Deferred. Going to be going over the CSP training for a few days and has 33 CRP Applications. 11 which are new ones.

ISDA Update

Geneva was not present but submitted her notes. Courtney was present and gave an update on how the transects have been going in the area.

Extension Update

Marty was not present

RC&D Update

No new update to give

Other

Penny gave an update on the Farm bill; it is out of committee but at a standstill.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

Katie gave an update on the annual meeting. The total amount spent was \$2,744.94 for the whole event. Everyone was happy with how the meeting went and really enjoyed the guest speaker for the night.

John F said that we should start to think about getting the next speaker lined up for the 2027 annual meeting. Names that were given were AJ with SICIM and Grace Davis with IU a geologist.

Business Plan

Katie and Rich are going to work on getting some more time to work on the plan. Katie is going to try to add in Marty's part that he had mentioned and the educational items that Katie does. Later at a meeting for just going over the business plan that will be set up might be later in the year around June or July.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Outdoor Education Grant

Katie submitted to the board the grant from Cassie Terry at Frontier. Katie had earlier sent the application to the board but needed a formal motion to be given.

Motion: To accept the grant application from Cassie Terry for the Weather STEM program for the Frontier Kindergarten's

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

Elect Board Of Officers

It was time for the board to select the offices. After discussion it was voted on to keep the current board as it is set.

Chair John Fielding

Vice Chair Rich Hines

Treasurer John Demerly

Secretary Steve Cosgray

Supervisor Phil Huber

Motion: To keep the current Board of Officers as slated the previous year. Listed Above

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

County Budget

Katie presented to the board the date for Soil and Water to present their budget to the county Council. The date for the meeting is August 19 at 11:15am at the courthouse. There is talk about the budgets being looked at closer to trim them up. It was mentioned by Rich that we might need to use the budget for advertising new signs once we get the logo recreated. The board is going to work on getting a date to set up to do the evaluation for Katie's review. Katie is going to look up when the review is done and send an email to the board letting them know so this can be a set reoccurring date for the evaluation.

Invasive Proposal

This proposal was sent out to all SWCDs and IASWCDs from the Invasives Subcommittee. It is asking for endorsement for the concept and leadership of the IASWCD. The movement will help with giving SWCDs the support they need to get the projects to grow. Katie will talk to Kim Peterson about the project to get a better idea of what it is.

6. OTHER

Woodland Stewardship

Rich mentioned if we were supporting the Woodland Stewardship. Katie let them know that they didn't get a request for sponsorship for the past year. So, we didn't support them in 2025. Katie is going to check into getting the sponsorship application so we can support them again.

Motion: To support Woodland Stewardship for the entry amount.

Motion by: Rich

Seconded by: Steve

Motion Carried

Policy

Katie requested the board pass a policy for Education Funds for the year. She is requesting a budget amount of \$250.00 for the year. The board is ok with that amount but if we need to add more to the amount as the year goes on they would be find with updating the amount.

Motion: For a policy to be made for Education Budget of \$250.00 for education supplies.

Motion by: Steve

2nd by: Rich

Motion Carried

State Envirothon Purchases

A request was made by Katie for purchasing cups for the State Envirothon on April 29th.

Katie let the board know that we will be able to request a reimbursement from the State Envirothon Committee. A motion was needed to accept the purchase

Motion: To allow the purchase of cups for drinks at the State Envirothon

Motion by Steve

2nd by Rich

Motion Carried

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17am.

Next meeting will be held on:

May 12th at 8am

USDA Center