



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

8/12/2025

USDA

Board Members

John Fielding

Chairman

Rich Hines

Vice Chairman

John Demerly

Supervisor

Steve Cosgray

Supervisor

Larry Kilmer

Supervisor

Bruce Reynolds

Associate Supervisor

Staff

Katie Snowberger

District Administrator

PRESENT John D, John F, Steve, Rich, Bruce, Larry, Katie, Mike Smolek, Geneva Tyler, Derek

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 am by John F

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion By: John D

Seconded By: Larry

Motion Carried

3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

Staff/Office Update

Katie gave her update

NRCS Update

Derek gave update on 2 more equip contracts approved giving a total of

3. Working on 27 CRP contracts. Wetland determinations not being working on right now.

ISDA Update

Geneva presented update

Extension Update

Marty wasn't able to be present

RC&D Update

Annual Meeting in Sept., Education Committee is meeting Aug 20th and doing a pre-trip raft.

Other Partners

Mike Smolek was present at the meeting. He discussed rezoning went through where the data center was talked about going. The rezoning

doesn't deal with water, electric, or other items for the land. I3 restricts what can be done and I2 is landfill, where anything can go on the land.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Business Plan

With traveling and not being able to get together for a meeting, Rich and Bruce were not able to meet up to discuss the business plan. Rich was able to go over the 1st page and get an idea of what they will need to discuss. Bruce and Rich are going to meet before the next meeting to get a better layout to present to the group. There needs to be a way to measure what is being done through our work.

Board Member Ideas

Phil Huber accepted and is planning on attending meetings from here on out to get a better idea of how the board works and know what is going on.

Performance Review

Larry has a blank copy of the review format that the board likes. He is going to email it to Katie so she can send it out to the board so they can fill it out. The board asked for Katie to fill out a review also on her on performance for the past year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Business Plan Page 2

It was mentioned to skip this item of business for this meeting since there hasn't been time to meet up and talk about it. Rich and Bruce are going to go over the SWAT analysis to go over with the board for the next meeting.

Wabash Watershed RCCP

Katie submitted to the board a letter from Seth with TNC. To inform them that the RCCP for our county has been put on hold because of the lose of funds to fund the RCCP. TNC ended it so that they will be able to request funds at a later date to rejoin it.

Tree City

Rich presented to the board the proposal to go ahead and purchase the signs that Monticello will need for the next few year to complete the MOU to the end. The signs would be coming from Pyramid Signs out of Lafayette, they sent a quote for the signs, but the quote doesn't include the

post because Mitch will be taking care of that as it comes up. Rich requested we move forward on trying to work with another town. He had contacted Brookston, but has not heard back from them. The next town the board came to an agreement with was the town of Wolcott. Brian Furr is a good contact for him to get ahold of and Katie is going to get Rich the rest of the contacts for the town.

Motion: Proposal of \$2060.00 to go ahead and purchase the signs for the Monticello Tree City to cover the rest of the years for tree planting.

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

Friend of Conservation Award

Motion: To select Mitch and the Town of Monticello for the Friend of Conservation Award for the current year.

Motion by: Rich

Second By: John D

Motion Carried

Annual Meeting Update

The Reynolds old gym has been set/booked and the vendor has been called but has not heard back yet. This is going to be our 75th year for the White County SWCD. Ideas for a speaker was having someone from the historical society present information about the county or SWCD. Don Lamb and Debbie Green were two names that came up to help with presentation ideas. Another idea was to have a “looking Forward” presentation. The Board formed a committee for the Annual Meeting. John F volunteered to be part of the board.

IDEA Conference

Katie presented to the board the prices of the conference and the cost of the hotel per day. The conference is \$150 for IDEA Members and the hotel is 129.00 per/night in Bloomington.

Motion: For Katie to attend the conference, with the conference cost and hotel paid for by the district.

Motion by: Bruce

Seconded by: Rich

Motion Carried

6. OTHER

Noxious Weed Board

It was brought to the boards attention that there is an issue with farmland with solar farms having noxious weeds that need help getting rid of. There is Indiana Code for Noxious Weed boards and it was presented to the group. This is a possibility but funds typically come from the County and is formed of community people around the county. The information what was given to Mike, he said he would take that back to the commissioners. To get a better idea of what they are needing and if its possible to create the board.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:56am.

Next meeting will be held on:

9/2/2025

Time: 8:00am

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