



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9/2/2025

Monticello USDA Service Center

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 F, Larry K, John D, Penny, Dave Davis, Mike S.
Marty H, Bruce R, Rich H, Katie S.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Larry

Motion Carried

3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

Staff/Office Update

Katie gave her update

NRCS Update

No Update, Government Shutdown

ISDA Update

Geneva sent out update

Extension Update

Marty presented his update on event that are going to be coming up.

Something he requested from the board was maybe some ideas for winter workshops topics. Grain Marketing and Tile Adaption

RC&D Update

Annual meeting went well and Katie mentioned that there will be and Envirothon meeting at the end of the month to go over what is needed to be done for the March event.

Other Partners

Commissioner Mike asked the board if they would be up for the idea of partnering with pork producers to have our annual meeting with

them. Partnering could be helpful on getting better attendance. They are willing if needed to help with food. They are also wanting to get the Ag Hall of Fame started back up again. Commissioner Dave didn't have anything to update. Penny with Congressman Baird office had no update.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Weed Wrangle

Katie was asked what a weed wrangle was. She explained it is an event we put on with the parks dept as of right now. Where we go to a public location with volunteers and clear out an invasive species of plant. This year she mentions they have been focusing on Bush Honeysuckle at the parks. Fall clearing will include cutting and applying a stump chemical to the fresh cutting. This will help with keeping the plant from coming back as easily. Mostly the types of invasives that are tackled are Garlic Mustard, Bush Honeysuckle, Callery Pear tree.

Tree City

Rich has a meeting with the Wolcott Town Board tonight (10/7) in Wolcott. He is going to be presenting to them the MOU and if they are all in agreement with it they are planning on signing it.

Rich also gave an update on the Monticello Tree City. The funding for the rest of this year will be used on Tree City Signs for the rest of the tree plantings over the next few years. They are planning on having those ordered and paid for by end of this year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Business Plan

Rich presented on the business plan and wanted to focus on the SWAT analysis

Next Board Meeting

Katie wanted to check with the board on the date for the next board meeting. She has a dentist appointment in the morning of Oct 14th and would either need to move the board meeting to a later time or to a different date. It was discussed to move it up one week to October 7th and agreed on by the whole board.

Weed Wrangle

Katie presented to the board about supplying money to buy supplies for weed wrangles. Items that would need to be purchased are Loppers, hand saws, spray bottles and chemicals. SICIM has a program for reimbursement. A main part of the reimbursement program is you need to submit a management plan for the next few years and also host 2-3 events for the year. Katie and the Parks Department already put on 2 wrangles, one in the spring and one in the fall.

Questions that were brought up were, how many times can we use the reimbursement program, where are we planning on storing the items, and that we can use them for other towns once we

get other wrangles going. And idea is to get a storage tote we can lock up and then move to locations when we need them. This way we can keep track of the items and don't have to worry about them getting taken or lost from our inventory.

Motion: To buy supplies for weed wrangle up to \$500.00.

Motion by: Rich

Seconded by: John D

Motion Carried

6. OTHER

County Council Budget Meeting

The budget hearing went well, the only thing that was reduced was the part time funds. The amount was dropped to \$11,000.00 for our part time employee. The County council is dropping 5% for everyone in the county departments. John F said that if the dollar amount needed to be raised at a later date the board is able to go and ask for a reassessment of funds from the Council with in the current budget year. The raise request was presented, but Larry is unsure if the amount was accepted for the raise. Larry had mentioned to the council that in a past year they had not given the raise the county gave as a standard in the past on previous employees.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.

Next meeting will be held on:

10/7/2025

Time: 8:00am

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