



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

April 11, 2023

White County USDA Service Center

**PRESENT**

Larry Kilmer, John Fielding, John Demerly, Bruce Reynolds, Julia Hart, Steve Cosgray,  
Sara Schellenberger-Jones

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 am by Larry Kilmer.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 14, 2023**

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of March 14, 2023 Annual Meeting as circulated

**Motion By:** John Fielding

**Seconded By:** John Demerly

**Motion Carried**

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Motion:** To approve the Claims Reports from February and March; subject to audit at a later date

**Motion By:** Steve Cosgray

**Seconded By:** John Demerly

**Motion Carried**

The Monthly Financial Statement was also reviewed.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

*Oath of Office*

Signed paperwork was returned following the Oath of Office that took place during the Annual Meeting.

*RC&D Update*

The District was awarded a Grant for Well Water & Soil Testing. Two different testing kits are available to choose from.

**Motion:** To approve the purchase of the more expensive testing kits

**Motion By:** Steve Cosgray

**Seconded By:** John Fielding

**Motion Carried**

The kits will be ordered.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

*Outdoor Education Grant Applications Review*

Five applications for the Outdoor Education Grant were submitted and reviewed.

**Motion:** To approve all five applications for the grant

**Motion By:** John Demerly

**Seconded By:** Steve Cosgray

**Motion Carried**

The projects were approved for the following amounts:

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| - Monticello-Union Township Public Library   | \$1,000.00 |
| o Children’s Garden Club Keyhole Upgrade     |            |
| - Boys & Girls Club of White County          | \$750.00   |
| o Nature Project                             |            |
| - Eastlawn Elementary                        | \$593.15   |
| o Butterfly Explorations                     |            |
| - Monticello Parks Department                | \$1,000.00 |
| o Gardening at Bluestem Nature Center        |            |
| - Frontier Elementary                        | \$900.00   |
| o Conservation – Stop Motion Animation Style |            |

Signs will be looked into to provide to the award winners.

*Airport Conservation Project Updates*

### *Garden Club Activities*

White County Parks Department will be hosting a series of events during the summer. The meetings will take place as follows:

- Thursday, May 18: 7 pm at Bluestem Nature Center
  - o Native Prairie Plants with Cindy Isom
- Thursday, June 8: 7 pm at Larimer's Neck of the Woods
  - o Gardening, Greenhouses, and Orchards
- Thursday, June 29: 7 pm at Public Gardens on Hanawalt Street
  - o Plant Diagnostics, Pathology, and Diseases with Andrew Westfall
- Friday, July 28: 7 pm at Kent's Cucurbits
  - o Tour of a Fall-Oriented Farm featuring Gourds, Pumpkins, Sunflowers, and more
- Thursday, August 10: 7 pm at Monticello Public Library
  - o Gardening in Raised Beds and at Home with Tammy Criminger

Earth Day Activities will take place at Monticello City Park on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The District will attend to complete an activity with the kids. Educational pieces can be ordered through the NRCS Distribution Center or the kids will make something to hang on their backpack.

### *NRCS Update: DC Talking Points*

District Conservationist, Sara Schellenberger-Jones, presented her monthly update from NRCS. Report attached.

### *ISDA Update: DSS Update*

The ISDA Update was provided from District Support Specialist, Geneva Tyler. Report attached.

### *Extension Update*

Extension Update is provided by Andrew Westfall, White County ANR Extension Educator. Report attached.

## **6. OTHER**

### *Election of Officers*

Election of officers will be held at the next board meeting.

*River Friendly Farmer Awards*

The Board has moved to nominate Phil Hunt for the River Friendly Farmer Award. Hunt will be contacted to discuss applying.

*Nature Center Donation*

**Motion:** Approve \$5,000.00 donation to Nature Center in memory of Sharon Watson

**Motion By:** John Demerly

**Seconded By:** Steve Cosgray

**Motion Carried**

*White County Fair Sponsorship*

White County Fair will be contacted about sponsorship donation for a day during the fair.

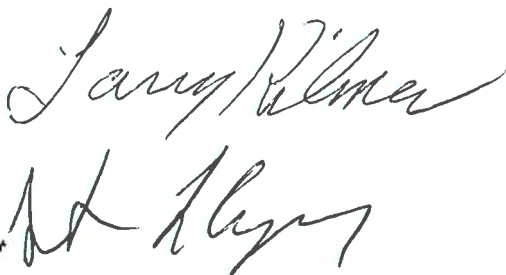
**7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Next meeting will be held on:

May 9, 2023

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