



WHITE COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Meeting Minutes for December 2023 has been reviewed and approved by the following White County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors at a meeting held on January 18, 2024 (date).

Larry Kulmer, Chair

John F. [Signature], Supervisor

Robert B. Reynolds, Supervisor

John R. Demery, Supervisor

[Signature], Supervisor



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

December 12, 2023

USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, Bruce Reynolds, John Fielding, John Demerly, Steve Cosgray, Marty Huseman, Courtney McFall, Haley Shaw

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by Larry Kilmer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of November 2023 Board Meeting as circulated

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: Bruce Reynolds

Motion Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Claims Report approved subject to audit at a later date.

4. OLD BUSINESS

2024 Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting details decided on include menu selections, favors, start time, and snow day date. The Board discussed presenting awards to the County FFA Teams. Rich Hines from Springboro Tree Farms will also be recognized at the Annual Meeting for his conservation efforts.

Motion: To pursue purchasing plaques for Rich Hines and County FFA Teams

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

Part-Time Job

District Administrator presented changing both job descriptions to better fit the needs of office and job descriptions will be analyzed at next Board meeting.

Plat Books

We have 6 out of 50 plat books left to sell and will be ordering more.

Motion: To order 50 more plat books

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Steve Cosgray

Motion Carried

CISMA

Still in the first stage of collecting information of those interested. Annual Meeting might be a great opportunity to determine interested parties.

Vacant Supervisor Nominees

Board Chairman and District Administrator are going to discuss with Rich Hines the opportunity to become a Board Supervisor.

Annual Conference

Board Members and Staff signed letters to be sent to the State Legislators representing the County with an invitation to attend the Legislators Breakfast at Annual Conference.

5. NEW BUSINESS

2024 Meeting Dates

The dates for the 2024 Board Meetings were set by the Board.

IASWCD Dues

IASWCD is looking to increase dues for 2024. Board members were given the opportunity to see the projected amount and ask questions.

SICIM

SICIM is requesting a contribution of \$500. Board wants to wait until RC&D has sent funds to help offset cost.

RC&D Grant

RC&D has opened their 2024 grant round. The District is going to pursue an in-depth water sampling blitz in the area surrounding the landfill, hopefully in collaboration with the County Commissioners.

Outdoor Education Grant

The Outdoor Education Grant provided by the District will now be accepting continuous applications to encourage participation and not deter those who may not be applying based off deadline cutoff.

Motion: To change the grant application process to be ongoing

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Bruce Reynolds

Motion Carried

Envirothon

Regional Envirothon is 3/13 at Camp Buffalo. The District will be offering a contribution to county schools to reduce their team registration fee.

Motion: To contribute the registration fee for Envirothon to county schools

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: John Fielding

Motion Carried

Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives

Board was presented an opportunity to host an event that had been shared from ISDA but feels the event should be hosted by Extension instead.

County Soils Wall Map

District Administrator is interested in obtaining a map of the county soils. ISDA Resource Specialist, Courtney McFall, would be able to assist in creating one.

Staff/Office Update

District Admin, Katelyn Smith, provided her monthly update to the Board.

NRCS Update

Haley Shaw, Acting District Conservationist, provided the monthly updates from NRCS. Report attached.

ISDA Update

District Support Specialist, Geneva Tyler, provided her update from ISDA. Report attached. Courtney McFall, Resource Specialist, provided an update on the work she's been doing.

Extension Update

The new ANR Extension Educator, Marty Huseman, introduced himself to the Board.

RC&D Update

RC&D Update was provided by John Fielding and Katelyn Smith.

6. OTHER

Equipment Dealer

District was approached by an equipment dealer on purchasing a drill. Board was provided with information.

District Outreach Handouts

District Administrator updated the outreach handouts that are available to customers.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

Next meeting will be held:
January 18, 2024 at 8:00 am
USDA Service Center