



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

July 11, 2023

White County USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, John Fielding, John Demerly, Jaylen Hunt, Steve Cosgray, Bruce Reynolds,
Sara Schellenberger-Jones, Haley Shaw

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by Larry Kilmer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 13, 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of June 13, 2023 Board Meeting as circulated

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: Steve Cosgray

Motion Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Claims Report approved subject to audit at a later date.

4. OLD BUSINESS

County Budget Approval

Budget has been submitted; awaiting to hear date for budget presentation.

Highway Dept Check for County Maps

Check was returned to Auditor's office.

IASWCD Dues

Dues have been paid.

Nature Conservancy Membership

Membership was paid.

Premium Water Test Kits

Test kits have a 5-year shelf life but with heading into fall/winter, going to wait to order more.

Meeting at Bluestem Nature Center

August meeting will be at Nature Center.

Website

The new website has been made live and can be found at whitecountyswcd.com.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Benton County Support Letter

Motion: To write a letter of support for Benton County's 319 Grant application

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Jaylen Hunt

Purdue Fruit & Vegetable Field Day

Motion: To send District Staff to the Fruit & Vegetable Field Day

Motion By: Steve Cosgray

Seconded By: John Fielding

Purdue Small Farm Field Day

Motion: To send District Staff to the Small Farm Field Day

Motion By: Steve Cosgray

Seconded By: John Fielding

IDEA Conference

Motion: To send District Staff to the IDEA Conference

Motion By: Jaylen Hunt

Seconded By: John Demerly

EEAI Conference

EEAI Conference Cost will be presented at the next meeting before Board will vote whether to send District Staff.

IASWCD Summer Summit

Motion: To send District Staff and any Supervisor who wishes to attend to the IASWCD Summer Summit

Motion By: Jaylen Hunt

Seconded By: Steve Cosgray

Annual Meeting Date

The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held on a Tuesday evening in March. The official date will be announced once a speaker and venue have been obtained.

Review Part-Time Job Description

The Board reviewed and approved the revised Part-Time Job Description, which added an emphasis on technology aspects of the position. It will be presented to the County Council at their August meeting for approval.

IASWCD Resolutions

No Resolutions were shared by the Board members.

Airport Project

The White County Airport Project was discussed with Board members to bring them up to date on the status of the project. District Staff will verify with DNR what SWCD's responsibilities are with the Grant Matches.

District Internet

Board approved District Staff to search for a more reliable internet service. Options will be presented at the next meeting.

Soil Health Training

District Staff provided a summary of the events that happened during the 3-Day Soil Health Training they attended the end of June.

Staff/Office Update

District Admin, Katelyn Smith, provided an update on what days she will be out of the office due to attending meetings and field days.

NRCS Update

Sara Schellenberger-Jones, District Conservationist, provided her monthly updates from NRCS. Report attached.

She also conducted her annual review with the Board at the meeting.

ISDA Update

District Support Specialist, Geneva Tyler, provided her update from ISDA. Report attached.

Extension Update

No Extension Update was provided due to the County Extension position being open.

RC&D Update

No RC&D Update was provided.

6. OTHER

Big Pine Watershed Meeting

The Big Pine Watershed Meeting will be held on July 12 at 2:00 pm at the Benton County Fairgrounds. A Cover Crop Demo will follow.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next meeting will be held:

August 8, 2023 at 8:00 am

Bluestem Nature Center

X Larry Palmer

X John F. [unclear]