



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

June 13, 2023

White County USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, John Fielding, John Demerly, Jaylen Hunt, Steve Cosgray,
Sara Schellenberger-Jones

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:06 am by Larry Kilmer.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 9, 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of May 9, 2023 Board Meeting as circulated

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Claims Report approved subject to audit at a later date.

4. OLD BUSINESS

“Off Period” Grants

At the previous meeting, it was proposed to consider grant applications throughout the year for recipients who might not follow a school year calendar.

Water Test Kits Cost

The cost of the Premium Water Test Kits was decided to be \$20. Signs have been posted to indicate the cost.

State Audit

The Board has approved for a State Audit to be conducted due to the change in District Staff.

CCSI Resources & Trainings

CCSI discussed their resources available to the District at the previous meeting. They also mentioned an upcoming Soil Health Training for Professionals.

CCSI Continued (Soil Health Training)

Motion: To approve sending District Staff to the Soil Health Training for Professionals

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Jaylen Hunt

Motion Carried

IASWCD District Assessment Survey

The Board completed the survey for the IASWCD Strategic Planning Assessment. This assessment will help determine the priorities of the Districts in the following years.

'Thank You' Notes

The Board wants to present Joanna Mosher and Andrew Westfall with 'Thank You' notes for their help and dedication to the community. The Board also wants to add the hosts and speakers of the Garden Club Events to the list of 'Thank You' cards.

Fair Sponsorship/Activity

The Board has decided to not sponsor or host an activity at the Fair this year but wants to potentially have a Soil Health Event during the Farm Bureau Day of the Fair next year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

County Budget Approval

Motion: To approve the agreed upon 2024 County Budget for submission to County Council

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

Highway Dept Check for County Maps

The Board decided to return the check received from the County Highway Department. The Highway Department picked up some county maps the District has for sale, but the Board wishes to donate the maps to the Highway Department because of their generosity when it comes to using their facilities.

IASWCD Dues

Motion: To pay the Membership Dues for IASWCD

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

Nature Conservancy Dues

Motion: To pay the fee to reinstate membership with The Nature Conservancy

Motion By: Jaylen Hunt

Seconded By: John Fielding

Motion Carried

Replacement Trees for Bradford/Callery Pears

The District will pursue a grant to help with the costs to start a program to replace the invasive tree species known as Bradford/Callery Pears.

Premium Water Test Kits

Motion: To purchase more Premium Water Test Kits due to the demand

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: Steve Cosgray

Motion Carried

The quantity ordered will be determined by the expiration date of the kits and if a quantity discount is available.

Weed Wrangle

The District will help plan a Weed Wrangle Event in partnership with SICIM to bring in volunteers to work on removing the invasive species located at the Bluestem Nature Center.

Potential Meeting Location

The Bluestem Nature Center has a meeting room available that the District should be able to use for an upcoming Board meeting.

Facebook Page

The District once again has a Facebook page that is operating under the same name as before.

Website

Motion: To cancel the current website on the in.gov platform and find a more reasonable price web service

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: Steve Cosgray

Motion Carried

NRCS Update

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

She also scheduled her annual review to be completed with the Board at the next 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

John Fielding announced that the next RC&D meeting will be next week, June 22nd, in person.

6. OTHER

Approval of New District Admin/Education Coordinator

Motion: To approve Katelyn Smith as the new District Admin/Education Coordinator

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Jaylen Hunt

A vote followed and the Board passed the motion.

Woodland Seward

The District is currently not supporting the Woodland Seward. The cost will be determined before a decision is made to contribute or not.

CWI Grant

The 2024 CWI Grant Application is now open.

IDEA Conference

The IDEA Conference has been announced for October 4-6. Once registration is open, the Board will vote whether or not to send District Staff.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:39 am.

Next meeting will be held:

July 11, 2023 at 8:00 am

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