



WHITE COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

May 9, 2023

White County USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, John Fielding, John Demerly, Bruce Reynolds, Steve Cosgray, Sheila Schroeder

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 11, 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 11, 2023 Board Meeting as circulated

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Available Claims Report approved subject to audit at a later date.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Outdoor Education Grant

At the previous meeting, five applicants were awarded grants in varying amounts. Winners have been contacted about their awards.

Earth Day at City Park

Sara Schellenberger-Jones and Katelyn Smith attended Monticello City Parks' Earth Day Celebration to represent SWCD. They assisted the children in making germination necklaces that help teach about plant growth.

5. NEW BUSINESS

NRCS Update: DC Talking Points

District Conservationist, Sara Schellenberger-Jones, provided her monthly update from NRCS. Women's Learning Circle, which is scheduled for May 16th, was also discussed during the NRCS Update. Reports attached.

ISDA Update: DSS Update

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

Extension Update

Extension Update was regarding Andrew Westfall, White County ANR Extension Educator, moving to a new role at Purdue University Campus.

6. OTHER

Off-Period Grants

Off-Period Grants were suggested as a way to let applicants submit grants when it is beneficial to them rather than during the typical application process.

Water Test Kits

Motion: To approve the Standard Water Test Kits to be available at no cost and the Premium Kits be available for a \$20 fee

Motion By: Steve Cosgray

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

State Audit

Motion: To approve a State Audit being conducted of the District

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: John Fielding

Motion Carried

CCSI Update

Sheila Schroeder, Northwest Program Manager for CCSI, provided information about the resources available through CCSI. Schroeder also discussed the Soil Health Training being provided the end of June.

IASWCD District Assessment

Board members completed the survey for District Assessment for IASWCD Strategic Planning.

'Thank You' Letters

The Board would like to send 'Thank You' letters to Joanna Mosher and Andrew Westfall for their help and dedication to the community.

Sponsorship/Memberships

Board members were presented with information about White County Fair Sponsorship as well as NACD Memberships.

Upcoming Events

Garden Outings with the Monticello Parks Department will be happening throughout the summer. Dates for upcoming Invasives Trainings were also shared.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 am.

Next meeting will be held on:

June 13, 2023 at 8:00 am

White County USDA Service Center

X Jamy Kilmer

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