



**WHITE COUNTY SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

The Meeting Minutes for November 2023 has been reviewed and approved by the following White County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors at a meeting held on December 12, 2023 (date).

Larry Kilmer, Chair

John Filly, Supervisor

John R. Demery, Supervisor

Brooklynn Reynolds, Supervisor

Mark Guy, Supervisor



Monthly Board Meeting Minutes:

November 14, 2023

USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, John Fielding, John Demerly, Bruce Reynolds, Haley Shaw

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2023

Motion: To approve the minutes of September & October 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 will be held at Angler's Restaurant in Monticello, which has a \$50 deposit fee. Other details will be determined at December meeting.

Motion: To pay the \$50 deposit fee for Angler's Restaurant

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: Bruce Reynolds

Motion Carried

Part-Time Job

The search for a part-time employee is still on hold.

Budget Hearing

The District has received the 2024 budget from County, which was distributed to Board members.

Rafting

Rafting was successful. The District gave RC&D a contribution of \$90 to cover North White's attendance. Tri-County requesting assistance with their programs in lieu of the contribution.

Plat Books

We have 15 out of 50 plat books left to sell. The Board wants to know the details of the 2021 sales before ordering more.

Woodland Stewardship

The District will send Woodland Stewardship the full request of \$250 to assist their efforts.

Motion: To send Woodland Stewardship \$250 for their efforts

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

CISMA

Benton rejected offer of a joint CISMA at this time. We are still able to move forward on own. Next step will be to start gathering names of community members and conservation partners who would be interest in joining.

Watershed Leadership Academy

District Administrator was accepted into the 2024 Academy class. Cost of attendance is \$1070.

Motion: To fund District Administrator's attendance at the Watershed Leadership Academy

Motion By: Bruce Reynolds

Seconded By: John Demerly

Motion Carried

Election of Temporary Supervisor

Bruce Reynolds was approved by the SSCB to act as a Temporary Supervisor due to vacancy.

5. NEW BUSINESS

Vacant Supervisor Nominees

Nominees for the Vacant Supervisor position are required to be submitted by December 1st in order to hold an election at Annual Meeting.

Board of Director Training

Supervisors were provided with a training opportunity.

Upgrading QuickBooks

Current QuickBooks is no longer supported. Upgrading to online is \$45/month or \$540/year.

Motion: To upgrade QuickBooks to the online version

Motion By: John Fielding

Seconded By: Bruce Reynolds

Motion Carried

Annual Conference

John Fielding will be attending Annual Conference as well as District Administrator. Cost is \$395 per individual.

Motion: To pay the registration fee for both attendees at Annual Conference

Motion By: John Demerly

Seconded By: Bruce Reynolds

Motion Carried

District Cellphone

Phone has been received from county. Cost is \$40 per month which is paid out of the county budget.

Contingency Plan

A Contingency Plan was written by Staff and Supervisors in case of a federal shutdown.

Staff/Office Update

District Admin, Katelyn Smith, provided an update on what days she will be out of the office and upcoming events for the District.

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.

Extension Update

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

RC&D Update

RC&D Update was provided by John Fielding.

6. OTHER

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 am.

Next meeting will be held:
December 12, 2023 at 8:00 am
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