



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

4/8/2025

USDA

Board Members

Larry Kilmer

Chairman

John Fielding

Vice Chairman

John Demerly

Supervisor

Steve Cosgray

Supervisor

Rich Hines

Supervisor

Bruce Reynolds

Associate Supervisor

Staff

Katie Snowberger

District Administrator

PRESENT Derek, Cayci, Courtney, John F, John D, Rich H, Bruce, Steve, Katie

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 by John F

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

Feb Minutes/Financials

Motion By: John D

Seconded By: Rich H

Motion Carried

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

March Minutes/Financials

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

4. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

Staff/Office Update

Katie presented info on Tree city and other updates and time out of the office

NRCS Update

Derek talked about Equip and CSP

ISDA Update

Courtney was present

Extension Update

No Update

RC&D Update

John F talked about the check presentations for project funding

Other Partners

5. OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting Recap

Total spent 1660.94

with total 39 attendees, discussed with the group what they are thinking about where we should go for our next meeting. Some new locations that were discussed were heading towards Wolcott to the Wolcott Theater or towards Reynolds and use the old school gym, Sherrie Brooks is the contact. The next location Katie is going to check on the Reynolds school first.

RC&D Grant

Gave the board the update on the grant money we got from the RCD.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

The floor was open for discussion on election of board members.

Chairman John F

Vice Chair Rich H

Treasurer John D

Secretary Steve C

Supervisor Larry K

After the election was made there was discussion about how to start working on getting more people involved in the board. Everyone was talking about ideas of what type of person they are wanting to try to bring to the meetings. One idea was someone who understands tech more since that is what is becoming a huge part of the everyday world. Jeff Robinson was a name that was brought up by Bruce since Jeff understands and is interested in different types of technology.

Motion: To select the board members in their new roles on the board

Motion By: John D

Seconded By: Steve C

Motion Carried

Land Fill Inspection

Katie brought up to the board its time to start working on getting the landfill inspection figured out. Needing to get a meeting with IDEM Rep to see if they are able to come out to go over the

landfill. Might reach out to Pat Shafer as he goes over the landfill more often and see what it is he is looking for when he does the inspection compared to what we do for inspections. Katie is going to get ahold of Cass Co and see when they are going out to their landfill inspection so she can get a general idea of how she inspects the landfill and what information we need to report.

Outdoor Education Grant

Angie submitted grant application and so did Cindy Isom from the parks department. The board would really like for us to try to find a way to get some smaller signs to go onto the projects that we fund through the grants as sponsors from Soil and Water.

With the idea of others submitting applications that will add up to more than 1000.00 the board would like to see if we can up the grant application to 2000.00 so that if we have 1 group that submits a larger grant, we can fund it without separating out the grant.

Motion: For the Outdoor Education grant application funding amount to be increased from 1000.00 to 2000.00.

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

Motion: Accept the grant application for Angie about the butterfly projects

Motion By: John D

Seconded By: Rich

Motion Carried

Motion: Accept the grant application from the park dept for the Prairie grass plot

Motion By: Steve

Seconded By: Rich

Motion Carried

Motion: Accept the grant application from the park dept for the garden tower supplies

Motion By: Rich

Seconded By: John D

Motion Carried

Motion: Accept the grant application from the park dept for a garden row crop plot

Motion By: John D

Seconded By: Steve

Motion Carried

Award Nominations and Grants

Charles Dean, River Friendly, CWI, and 319

Informed the board of upcoming events that are out there for us to look into.

7. OTHER

Tree City Contract

It was discussed with the work on getting signs there might be a need to look into a budget to make sure we know where we should be on prices and not go over.

Motion: For Katie to have a budget of \$1200.00 for paying for the signs.

Motion By Rich

Seconded by Steve

Motion Carried

Secession Planning Meeting

Katie let the board know that there is a meeting for planning in Rochester May 14th

Motion For Katie to attend the meeting May 14th for Secession Planning Workshop

Motioned By: John D

Seconded by Steve

Motion Carried

IASWCD Dues

The board had a discussion about what we are needing to pay for our dues. We can gain gold membership if we pay 10% extra which amounts to 366.94 to be added on to our current dues.

There isn't a annual meeting in Indy this upcoming year but there will be a general meeting in 2026 within the state.

Motion: To go forward and pay the 10% extra on the dues we have due.

Motion By John D

Seconded by Rich

Motion Carried

8. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55.

Next meeting will be held on:

5/13/2025

Time: 8:00am

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