



## Approval of Meeting Minutes

### Board Members

**Larry Kilmer**

*Chairman*

**John Fielding**

*Vice Chairman*

**John Demerly**

*Treasurer*

**Steve Cosgray**

*Secretary*

**Rich Hines**

*Supervisor*

**Bruce Reynolds**

*Associate Supervisor*

### Staff

**Katelyn Walker**

*District Administrator*

The Meeting Minutes for June 2024 has been reviewed and approved by the following White County Soil & Water Conservation District Supervisors at a meeting held on July 9, 2024 (date).

Larry Kilmer, Chair

Rich Hines, Supervisor

John Fielding, Supervisor

John R. Demerly, Supervisor

Steve Cosgray, Supervisor



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2024

USDA Service Center

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### PRESENT

Larry Kilmer, John Fielding, Rich Hines, Bruce Reynolds, John Demerly, Steve Cosgray, Celia Tharp, Geneva Tyler

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 am by Larry Kilmer

#### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

**Motion By:** John Demerly

**Seconded By:** Rich Hines

**Motion Carried**

#### 3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

##### *Staff/Office Update*

District Administrator, Katelyn Walker, provided the report for the District staff.

##### *NRCS Update*

Celia Tharp, Acting District Conservationist, provided the NRCS update.

##### *ISDA Update*

Geneva Tyler, District Support Specialist, was able to provide an update from ISDA.

##### *Extension Update*

Marty Huseman, ANR Educator, was unable to attend but had an update about the Building Stronger Boards training that was presented to the Board.

##### *RC&D Update*

John Fielding and Katelyn Walker provided updates on upcoming RC&D meetings and programs.

### *Other Partners*

Urban Soil Health provided their Annual Report that was reviewed by the Board.

## **4. OLD BUSINESS**

### *Part-Time Job*

Rita Koebecke was hired as the part-time employee. An update was provided on her several absences and lack of communication during her first couple of weeks with the District.

Discussion followed about what the appropriate action would be for the situation; a decision was made that the Administrator needed to provide a written schedule for her.

### *Internet*

The District Administrator decided to use Verizon as the internet provider. A potential government rate has been discovered and internet will be ordered once the price is presented.

### *Fairgrounds Project*

District has been invited to be a part of an educational area that is in the early stages and set to be completed at the fairgrounds. There will be a section that the District can use to showcase the water cycle.

### *Water Rights Event w/ Cass*

Cass County is willing to partner on hosting a Water Rights Event. It will be held in Burnettsville on August 24th and will feature experts from around the state on Water Rights.

### *IDEA Conference*

Conference planning is still underway. The check for sponsorship has been sent.

### *IASWCD Dues*

Invoice for IASWCD Dues still needs to be paid.

**Motion:** To pay IASWCD Dues at the Gold Level Membership

**Motion By:** Rich Hines

**Seconded By:** John Demerly

**Motion Carried**

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### *County Budget*

County Budget was determined and will be sent to the Auditor for Budget Hearing in August.

### *Summer Summit*

IASWCD Summer Summits will take place in August.

**Motion:** To pay the registration fee for any staff or supervisors that wish to attend.

**Motion By:** John Demerly

**Seconded By:** Rich Hines

**Motion Carried**

### *Purdue Field Day*

Purdue is hosting their Small Farm Field Day again in July.

**Motion:** To pay the registration fee for the District Administrator to attend

**Motion By:** John Demerly

**Seconded By:** John Fielding

**Motion Carried**

### *CISMA*

Mandi with SICIM has resigned but the District will still be moving forward with the White County CISMA and will be hosting a Weed Wrangle in October.

### *Resilient Indiana*

The District will be getting support from a RITA Technician. The job description was provided to the Board.

### *Wabash River RCPP*

The Nature Conservancy is submitting an application for a Wabash River RCPP and needs letters of support.

**Motion:** To support the RCPP project with a \$4,000 per year in-kind match

**Motion By:** Rich Hines

**Seconded By:** John Demerly

**Motion Carried**

### *Website Renewal*

The District's website is up for renewal. Discussion followed on whether to renew and the decision was that the current website will stay. The website has also been revamped.

## 6. **OTHER**

### *RC&D Rafting Expedition*

The District wants to continue to reimburse local schools for sending students on the RC&D Rafting Expedition in September.

**Motion:** To reimburse the White County schools for any students that attend the RC&D Rafting

**Motion By:** John Fielding

**Seconded By:** John Demerly

**Motion Carried**

## 7. **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 am.

Next meeting will be held on:

July 9, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM

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