



## MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

10/7/2025

White County Extension Office

### Board Members

**John Fielding**

*Chairman*

**Rich Hines**

*Vice Chairman*

**John Demerly**

*Supervisor*

**Steve Cosgray**

*Supervisor*

**Larry Kilmer**

*Supervisor*

**Bruce Reynolds**

*Associate Supervisor*

### Staff

**Katie Snowberger**

*District Administrator*

**PRESENT John F, Larry K, John D, Penny, Dave Davis, Mike S.  
Marty H, Bruce R, Rich H, Katie S.**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 am by John F

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

**Motion By:** Rich

**Seconded By:** Larry

**Motion Carried**

#### 3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

*Staff/Office Update*

Katie gave her update

*NRCS Update*

No Update, Government Shutdown

*ISDA Update*

Geneva sent out update

*Extension Update*

Marty presented his update on event that are going to be coming up.

Something he requested from the board was maybe some ideas for winter workshops topics. Grain Marketing and Tile Adaption

*RC&D Update*

Annual meeting went well and Katie mentioned that there will be and Envirothon meeting at the end of the month to go over what is needed to be done for the March event.

*Other Partners*

Commissioner Mike asked the board if they would be up for the idea of partnering with pork producers to have our annual meeting with

them. Partnering could be helpful on getting better attendance. They are willing if needed to help with food. They are also wanting to get the Ag Hall of Fame started back up again. Commissioner Dave didn't have anything to update. Penny with Congressman Baird office had no update.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### *Weed Wrangle*

Katie was asked what a weed wrangle was. She explained it is an event we put on with the parks dept as of right now. Where we go to a public location with volunteers and clear out an invasive species of plant. This year she mentions they have been focusing on Bush Honeysuckle at the parks. Fall clearing will include cutting and applying a stump chemical to the fresh cutting. This will help with keeping the plant from coming back as easily. Mostly the types of invasives that are tackled are Garlic Mustard, Bush Honeysuckle, Callery Pear tree.

##### *Tree City*

Rich has a meeting with the Wolcott Town Board tonight (10/7) in Wolcott. He is going to be presenting to them the MOU and if they are all in agreement with it they are planning on signing it.

Rich also gave an update on the Monticello Tree City. The funding for the rest of this year will be used on Tree City Signs for the rest of the tree plantings over the next few years. They are planning on having those ordered and paid for by end of this year.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### *Business Plan*

Rich presented on the business plan and wanted to focus on the SWAT analysis. It was mentioned that we should have a meeting dedicated to just the Business plan so it is the main focus. It is hard to give it all the attention it needs when we have other topics that are needed to be covered in our monthly board meetings. It was in agreement by the rest of the board that it was a great idea. Include partners, to get an idea of what programs or things we need to focus on. Bruce wanted to know what we can provide to the schools since younger kids are learning conservation now. Such as what lessons, programs, and supplies we have. Katie had mentioned that she has been getting in touch with a lot of the homeschool groups because they have been willing to attending programs that she and Nikki at the parks dept have been putting on. The hardest part with trying to get the information of what we provide is getting past the school's office to the teachers. Katie is going to reach out to other SWCDs to see what they do to get into the schools for their programs. Mike has a contact for an Indiana Ag Tech School. They are a free public school that is agriculture based. Rich is wanting to meet with Katie to work on a

plan for setting up a meeting to dedicate to the business plan and once that is done, she will email it to the board on a date.

### *IASWCD Annual Meeting*

Katie let the board know that the December 19<sup>th</sup> annual meeting for IASWCD will need a delegate and an alternate for the meeting. The meeting will be from 9am to 3pm with lunch provided to the attendees. John Fielding attending last year to the annual meeting and said that he would attend again as the delegate for the meeting. Rich H. said that he will be the alternate for if John is not able to attend. This meeting is to go over the delegate notebook for voting by the districts.

### *Annual Meeting*

The board discussed what we need to focus on for celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. We mentioned about totes, cup, and baskets. Another item that was discussed was about the key speakers. It was mentioned there needs to be a main topic of the history of White Co SWCD. Dave Altman does history presentations on Native Americans that were in the territory for White Co. Katie mentioned going to the Historical Society for White Co. in Monticello. She was giving Debbie Greens Contact information. Katie is going to call Debbie up to see if she has any articles from the newspaper from 1951 to current. So that she can create a time line to show the attendees to the meeting. Katie is also going to check with Geneva to see if she has any information about past supervisors to show case who was there.

## **6. OTHER**

## **7. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03am.

Next meeting will be held on:

12/9/2025

Time: 8:00am

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