



MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

White County Extension Office

January 13, 2026

Board Members

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John Demerly

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Steve Cosgray

Supervisor

Larry Kilmer

Supervisor

Bruce Reynolds

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Staff

Katie Snowberger

District Administrator

**PRESENT John F, John D. Marty H, Katie S. Steve C., Larry K.
Grace Adams, Mike Smolek, Phil H. Derek, Bruce**

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: John F

Seconded By: John D

Motion Carried

3. STAFF & PARTNER REPORTS

Staff/Office Update

Katie provided her update on the events she had gone to and what she has coming up in the next month. She asked the board about Ag Day because they would like them to donate the items that were donated last year. A motion was needed to be able to purchase the corn nuts and pollinator fliers. (Motion is added under New Business)

NRCS Update

Passed out the new 2026 NRCS priority to the board to let them know about how programs are being restructured. Derek let the board know that the deadline for CSP is Jan 15.

ISDA Update

Geneva submitted her update to the board.

Extension Update

Marty had 3 PARP in December that were decent on attendance. And finished up January with 2 more PARP. Since he has been able to finish the PARP programs, he is starting to work on Winter Schools. At the Jan meeting he had been collecting ideas of what everyone

would like to hear during the winter schools. Once he has that he will be emailing the dates for those. During the last PARP program, he had a Farm Stress Leader give a talk to the farmers about where and how they can get help for stress on and around the farm.

RC&D Update

RC&D Edu Committee met to discuss the meeting dates for the upcoming year. And, that the RC&D Grant is due Jan 31st.

Other Partners

Grace Adams introduced herself as the RITA Tech for our area.

Mike Smolek gave an update about what is happening in the county and of any meeting that we might want to attend. One was on Jan 23rd about social media posting and how they are planning on utilizing it more to get information out to the community.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

Katie had talked to Grant about whether he is needing travel pay to come to our meeting and he said that if he could insert information about his camp that he would be happy with that. Katie asked the board what the main topic they would like Grant to talk about dealing with Native American History. The question was either they would like it to be directed at specific information that is about White County Native Americans or if they would like him to give a talk about Native Americans in the region and the artifacts/ tools that have been found and how they were used then and then now. The group requested that we make it simple for him to come up with information where it isn't too specific and hard to find information on. Katie is going to get ahold of Grant and let him know the board's information on the subject. He will try to bring some artifacts that can be shown from past and how they are now used currently. Mike mentioned about Pork Producers joining us at this meeting. They might not be able to be a bigger part of our meeting but would like to have their members attending our meeting. The only reason they would need time is to hold elections, but they won't need that this year, they might need 10mins either before or after our meetings. At the next meeting we will go over the food options for the meeting. Katie is working on the invites and will get those sent out soon. She will have a QR code on the Facebook page for everyone to RSVP too.

Another question Katie presented to the board was wanting to know if they would like to have an item that is given away since this is the 75th Annual Meeting. Do we make a larger basket that we get donations to fill the basket as a main giveaway or do we do something smaller as in a cup. The suggestion Katie had was a travel mug/cup so that it's something that everyone can take with them. The board is ok with this item they just request that she send them a selection for them to look over and have the cost/per item. So that they can go through them and see what the options are. Mentioned doing 25 cups as a giveaway but Bruce mentioned since it was our 75th we should give to everyone that attends the meeting.

The board wanted to discuss the payment to Grant for him to come up to our meeting and give a speech. They had already mentioned at the December meeting they would pay him for the trip at 200.00, but they feel like they should do a donation to the Camp that he works for. A motion is needed to decide on how much and if they all agree on a donation to the camp.

Motion: To buy enough cups for the attendees of the annual meeting.

Motion By: Larry

2nd by: Steve

Motion Carried

Motion: Make a donation to the camp of 200.00 on top of the compensation for the trip that was agreed on during the December meeting.

Motioned by: Larry

Second by: Steve

Motion Carried

Business Plan

Katie is looking over the business plan that Rich sent over to her to review and then she is to send it over to Marty for him to look over since we want to do more with the Extension office.

Ag Day

Katie had presented to the board that the Ag Day Committee would like SWCD to donate the Corn nuts and pollinator fliers for the swag bags. The board mentioned they like the idea and are ok with her purchasing the items again.

Motion: For Katie to purchase corn nuts and pollinator fliers for the swag bag for Ag Day in April

Motioned by: John D

Second by: Steve C

Motion Carried

5. NEW BUSINESS

Logo

Katie wanted to check with the board about getting a general logo put onto a dress shirt for when she attends meeting where she is representing SWCD. She mentioned that she would just use White County Soil and Water Conservation District as the label to keep it simple. They have no issue with that. Mike S mentioned to us to check with Hunter at Economic Development because that is something he does is create logos for the county and he is for the county.

Internal Controls

Katie presented to the board the internal controls papers that they need to review and sign for the current year 2026. One of the controls is deciding if we will keep the Bank of Wolcott as a depositor. They didn't want to make any changes to the Bank of Wolcott.

The board approved all the controls as they are currently after reviewing them and signed off on them. They will be filed in the file cabinet for review as requested. Another internal control is the board needs to review the AFR before it is submitted to the SBOA portal. They do review the statements every month at our meetings but she will present the AFR to the board at the next meeting so they can review it and sign off on it.

6. OTHER

John F let the board know how the meeting went in Indy about the resolutions that other counties presented for the annual Business meeting with IASWCD. All the resolutions failed.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31am.

Next meeting will be held on:

2/17/2026

Time: 8:00am

USDA