



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Minutes – Regular Board Meeting

March 8, 2022

8:30 AM – Carnegie Hall, Moores Hill

Supervisor

Ken Gunkel – Chairman
Eric Callahan – Vice Chair
Pat Holland
John Kruse
Robert Schroeder – not present

Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson – not present
Tom Klump

SWCD Staff

Jessica Rayburn
Vickie Riggs
Jennifer Hughes
Watershed – Heather Wirth
NRCS - Matt Jarvis
Alejandra González-López
Extension – Jeff Hermes
FFA – East Central – Bradley Kolb
East Central – Brady Hornberger
South Dearborn – not present
ISDA – Not present

The board meeting was called to order by Ken Gunkel, Chair, at 8:50 AM.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, February 10, 2021, were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Pat Holland, seconded by John Kruse, motion carried.

Financial Report

The claims voucher for February was presented to the Board for review. A motion to approve the claims vouchers was made by John, seconded by Pat, motion carried. Jessica Rayburn completed the Annual Financial Report, the auditing committee completed the audit, signed the document, and Jessica submitted it to Gateway and ISDA.

Extension

- Jeff Hermes was present and introduced himself. He is planning to continue the advisory committee meetings. He asked about the soil testing program SWCD offers and Vickie Riggs gave him information about the program. He gave an update on the county park boards.

FFA

- Bradley Kolb and Brady Hornberger from East Central FFA were present. They said an Area Livestock Contest will take place April 14th. The Wildlife CD Regional contest is coming up April 10th. They said 7 of the teams finished in the top 3 at the District 12 Contest on March 5th.



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ISDA

- Not present. Matt Jarvis was in contact with Mark Thomas, and he is going to help conduct the transects in Dearborn, Ohio, and Switzerland counties.

NRCS

- Matt Jarvis said he is working on EQIP applications. The deadline to submit the applications is March 18th. He plans to conduct the transects the last week of March. He set up a table at the Taking Roots event and made some get connections. He met the Oak Heritage Conservatory's new Executive Director, Jack Sutton. He met some people from the Aurora Garden Club and discussed their upcoming tree giveaway. He asked if it would be possible to help cover some of the cost of their trees for the giveaway. A motion to donate \$100.00 to the Aurora Garden Club for their tree giveaway was made by John, seconded by Eric, motion carried.

Old Business

- Hogan Creek Watershed Grant – A motion to give \$1,000.00 to Heather and use the remaining money for cost share was made by John, seconded by Pat, motion carried.
- Telework Policy – Tabled to April.

New Business

- There was no new business to discuss.

Staff Reports

- Vickie Riggs sent her report. She signed 6 conservation plans on behalf of the Board for Dearborn County and 3 in Ohio County. She passed around a card to be signed for Barb Ward to go with her Partnership Award. She asked who won the 4-H Soil & Water Award. Matt told her Jaden Jarvis won Grand Champion. She did receive the PSS agreement check. A new PSS agreement with 33 contracts and 20 applications to go through September 2022 is being offered.
- Heather Wirth sent her report. She submitted the final report for the Hogan Creek Watershed Grant. Whitewater River Watershed will be hosting a PARP Workshop on Thursday, March 10th.
- Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She said the LARE grant was submitted but they won't find out until July if they received funding. They applied for approximately \$54,000.
- Jessica Rayburn sent her report. She said she contacted the Board of Realtors, and they would like to see sample material before placing anything in their packets. She said it is \$200 to join the Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce. She informed the Board that she needs a motion to pay John's parking ticket without a receipt. A motion to reimburse John Kruse \$80.00 for parking at 2022 IASWCD Annual Conference without a receipt was made by Pat, seconded Eric, motion carried. She gave an update on the Annual Report and why postcards were mailed instead.



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Supervisor Updates/Comments

- John said OKI RCC has a planning meeting coming up soon. Eric and he worked on the drill. Ken said the staff self-evaluations have been sent out and he ask they be sent back by March 15th. Heather mentioned the tree giveaway to Ken. It will be held April 22nd 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Bright Meadows Park.

Other

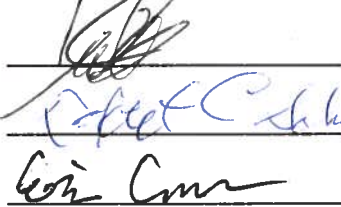
- Commissioners Meeting – Jessica and John will attend the April 5th Commissioners Meeting.

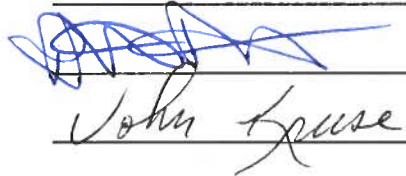
Adjourn -Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 14, 2022, 8:30 AM at Dearborn County Purdue Extension.**

Jessica Rayburn
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:


Eric Cramer


John House