



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
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MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING

July 14, 2021

8:30 AM – Purdue Extension Dearborn County

Supervisor

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

Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson – not present
Tom Klump

SWCD Staff–

Jessica Rayburn
Vickie Riggs
Jennifer Hughes
Watershed – Heather Wirth – via phone
NRCS – Matt Jarvis – via phone
Alejandra Gonzalez Lopez – via phone
Extension – John Hawley
FFA – East Central – not present
South Dearborn – not present
ISDA – not present

The board meeting was called to order by Ken Gunkel, Chair, at 8:30 AM.

Minutes

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

Minutes from the Budget Meeting, June 18, 2021, were reviewed, motion to approve was made by John, seconded by Pat, motion carried.

Financial Report

The claims voucher for June was presented to the Board for review. A motion to approve the claims vouchers was made by Pat, seconded by John, motion carried.

Extension

- John Hawley said the Dearborn County 4-H Fair went well. He was happy to report the 4-H Fair had a record-breaking auction this year. He passed out a flyer for the August 24th SEPAC Field Day. The SEPAC Field Day will be from 4:00-8:30 PM. He said there is a new corn specialist, Dan Quinn. He mentioned the Hoosier Hay Contest that is taking place with Indiana Forage Council and Purdue Extension. The deadline to submit your hay sample is September 15, 2021. Purdue Extension and SWCD have hay probes that can be used to pull hay samples.

FFA

- Neither FFA was present.



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ISDA

- Nobody from ISDA was present.

NRCS

- Matt Jarvis is still working on EQIP. He introduced Alejandra Gonzalez Lopez, new Soil Conservationist Trainee. He said they are working on completing training and getting her set up.

Old Business

- Fall Conference – Jessica said registration is due by August 6th for the Fall IDEA Conference. She said she would be happy to attend and the Board agreed they would like her to attend. She will register before the deadline.

New Business

- Internal Controls – Jessica showed the SBOA Internal Controls video for those present at the meeting.
- Stolen Items- The Board was informed by email that items from the shed at the office had been stolen. A list of the items was created and emailed to staff and board members. The Board agreed to add a lock to the door or replace the door, if needed. Once the shed is secured with a lock then the Board recommended replacing the items stolen as needed.
- Dues- Jessica passed out the information for the IASWCD 2021 Membership Dues. A motion to pay the IASWCD Membership Dues, \$2,000, was made by John, seconded by Pat, motion carried.

Staff Reports

- Vickie Riggs sent her report. She made the River Friendly Farmer reservations for the State Fair and ordered the extra shirts needed for the recipients. She applied for the CCSI Grant for cover crop books to be available at local businesses. She passed out an updated equipment rental payment sheet. It was noticed that some landowners are behind on paying their invoice. Jessica informed that we currently can't charge a late fee since it isn't spelled out on the rental agreement. Vickie said she will work on adding a late fee to the rental agreement.
- Heather Wirth sent her report. John Kruse commented about the Coordinator at Franklin County SWCD taking a different job and Heather agreed it will be a great loss.
- Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She said the July 7th workshop went very well and had a good turnout. She has noticed that reports of erosion control issues have been higher, possibly due to all the rainfall. She hopes that when the MS4 gets implemented that it



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will help with erosion control. She said the Planning and Zoning public meeting for the updated ag and residential zoning maps will be held twice on July 20th, once at noon at Lawrenceburg High School gym and again at 6:00 PM at St. Leon Legion.

- Jessica Rayburn gave her report and discussed what she did the past month.

Supervisor Updates/Comments

- Robert said he attended the Bright and Lawrenceburg farmers markets and they both went well.

Other

- Commissioner's Meeting – Ken and Jennifer attended the July 6th meeting. They gave updates on the EWP funding, River Sweep, MS4, Pollinator Field Day, Backyard Workshops, Plant sale, and RFF nominees. The Commissioners did have questions for Jennifer about MS4 updates. They would like to set up a meeting with the local towns and boards to discuss the MS4 updates.

Adjourn -Meeting was adjourned at 9:57 AM.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 8:30 AM.**

Jessica Rayburn

Treasurer

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