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**Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District**

10729 Randall Avenue, Suite 2 – Aurora, IN 47001 – Phone (812) 926-2406, Ext. 3

**MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

October 13, 2022

8:30 AM –Dearborn County SWCD

**Supervisor**

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

**Associate Supervisors**

Brad Dawson – not present  
Tom Klump  
Matthew Johnson

**SWCD Staff–**

Beth Terrill  
Vickie Riggs  
Kyla Dick – Not present

**Watershed** – Heather Wirth

**NRCS** - Matt Jarvis,  
Alejandra Gonzalez-Lopez

**Extension**-Jeff Hermes- not present

**FFA** – East Central  
Bradley Kolb – not present  
Lloyd Derringer – not present

**South Dearborn** - Not present

**ISDA** – Not present

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

**Minutes**

Minutes from the previous meeting, September 8, 2022, were reviewed. Eric Callahan made a motion to approve by phone and John Kruse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Financial Report**

The claim vouchers for August and September were presented to the Board for review but were not approved due to lack of quorum. A motion to approve the claim vouchers

**Extension**

Jeff Hermes- not present but had sent an email of events and projects he is working on. Ken reviewed those.

Josie Hartman won Farmers Fair Queen.



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### FFA

No one present due to Fall Break.

### ISDA

- No one present.

### NRCS

- Booster for building has been submitted to the Area Conservationist for approval.
- There is no budget approved yet and still operating on last year's levels.
- Equip Training will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Several people have signed up for High Tunnels.
- The Dearborn County SWCD office has the highest amount of contracts with no work at all once submitted.

### Old Business

- Annual Meeting will be March 9, 2022, at the Dearborn Adult Center at 6:30. Beth emailed Charlie Adams as a possible speaker and was \$800 plus room and board. The Farm Babe is \$6,000 plus room and board. It was suggested that Ken will call the FFA (Roy and Melissa) for possible speakers at ten minutes a piece. The Rolling Pin are scheduled to cater the meal. They will need to be called two weeks prior to confirm the meal.
- A Christmas meeting location needs to be determined. The German Restaurant in Greendale does not open till 4:00.

### New Business

- The Sexual Harassment Training and Internal Controls Training was presented.
- Election Committee was posted on Conservation Link and is John Kruse, Pat Holland and Rocky Schroeder. Pat has submitted his resignation letter as a supervisor but would like to still be an Associate. Matthew Johnson, who is a current Associate, will be added in Conservation Link as a Temporary Elected Supervisor for the State Board to approve on October 25 and then his name will be place on the ballot in March at the Annual Meeting along with Eric Callahan. Whomever gets the most votes will hold a three-year position and the next position will be a two-year position. Eric agrees to hold the Supervisors position if no one else wants the position. Other possible suggestions were Beverly Weaver, Gary Hughes, Jane Lech, Tom Gaynor, Chris Powell and Matt Jeffries.



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- Pat Holland has submitted a resignation letter. John Kruse made a motion to accept the resignation and Eric Callahan accepted by phone.
- A new Per Diem and Milage policy was signed by Ken and John. A Per Diem will be paid to Supervisors for each meeting they attend in person (not virtually or by phone) at a rate of \$35 per meeting. This includes meetings that are not the regular board meetings. Mileage will also be paid for meetings that are not regular monthly board meetings such as the Annual Meeting or others. If a meeting occurs the same day as a Board Meeting such as the Annual Meeting, then mileage will be paid for that meeting. Associates will also be paid. Motion was made by phone by Eric Callahan to accept motion and John seconded the motion. The new policy was signed by Ken Gunkel and John Kruse.
- A Shirt, vest, and jacket order was passed around for new selections. Jackets will be given out as awards at the Annual Dinner this year.
- Annual Conference information was passed out with costs and dates. The conference will be held January 8, 9, and 10 with early bird registration accepted until Nov 16 for a cost of \$350. After that date the cost will be \$405. Kyla Dick, Beth Terrill, Ken Gunkel, John Kruse and Matthew Johnson are all interested in going.
- A discussion was held to mail out the Annual Meeting Flyers or to send postcards. It is .60 for a regular stamp and .44 to mail a postcard. The printer will be contacted by Vickie Riggs to see what the cost would be to print 1200 flyers.
- The Signature Card at Friendship State Bank still needs to be signed by Eric Callahan.

### **Staff Reports**

- Vickie Riggs sent her report – Had problems with an Equip contract not meeting specs, watering facilities and wrong location.
- Heather Wirth sent her report.
- Beth Terrill sent her report. Kyla and Beth attended OKI tour. Dearborn County will be hosting in 2 years.
- Kyla Dick sent her report.

### **Supervisor Updates/Comments**

- Matthew Johnson has a sewage problem at his home. It was recommended for him to contact Doug Baer.
- John Kruse donated a hay probe to the office.

### **Other**



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District Coordinator

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