



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

June 10, 2021

8:30 AM – St. John Hubbell Church

Supervisor

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

Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson – not present
Tom Klump

SWCD Staff–

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

The board meeting was called to order by Eric Callahan, Vice- Chair, at 8:32 AM.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, May 13, 2021, were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Pat Holland, seconded by John Kruse, motion carried.

Financial Report

The claims voucher for May 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 was unable to attend but did provide a flyer for the Flower Show that will take place during the Dearborn County 4-H Fair. He also provided a flyer that helps explain what Purdue Extension is, what they can offer, and how to get involved. He asked that it be mentioned the Dearborn County 4-H Fair will be in-person and taking place June 21-27. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help at the fair, please reach out to John.

FFA

- Neither FFA was present.

ISDA

- Nobody from ISDA was present. Jessica Rayburn mentioned the Regional Meeting for our area will be tonight at 7:00 virtually.



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NRCS

- Matt Jarvis is still working on EQIP. He said the new hire will start July 6th. He said the tillage transects in June will not be conducted this year. He worked with the Dearborn County Highway Department to submit two road slip applications.

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Annual Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity Discussion with Partners – Matt handed out the documents with Civil Rights information and explained the information in the documents. The document was signed by Eric on behalf of the Board.

Staff Reports

- Vickie Riggs sent her report. She said the rainy weather has put a damper on the equipment being rented this week. She is working on getting everything for the Pollinator Field Day ordered and reserved. She will send out a sponsorship letter to local businesses to help sponsor upcoming field days. She is taking courses for the planning certification.
- Heather Wirth sent her report. She said is planning on applying for another grant for Salt-Pipe Creek Watershed. She asked for the district to write a letter of commitment and the Board agreed to have her and Jessica work on that.
- Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She is helping Hidden Valley Lake with changes. She is working with IDEM, Lawrenceburg, and developers to safely remove water from the old AEP site basement. Had a site visit yesterday to look at an erosion control issue.
- Jessica Rayburn sent her report. She passed around the NACD Annual Report and NCF Annual Report. She said she received a call from the credit card company that someone had tried to fraudulently use the credit card. The credit card has been canceled and a new one is being sent out.

Supervisor Updates/Comments

- John said he attended the OKI RCC Annual Business Meeting. He said the Annual District Tour will take place in the fall. Jessica mentioned they took a walk around the prairie at the UC Field Study Center after the Annual Business Meeting. John and Jessica found the walk around the prairie to be interesting.
- Robert Schroeder said he set up at the Bright, Dillsboro, and Lawrenceburg Farmers Markets. He said due to the weather Dillsboro and Bright didn't go over was well as expected. He plans to attend all three locations again.



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- Pat mentioned going on the site visit to the AEP location with Jennifer. He thanked her for the work that must be put into these visits and making sure everything is handled correctly.

Other

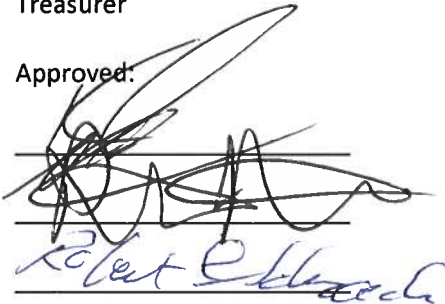
- The next Commissioners meeting SWCD is scheduled to attend is July 6th. Jennifer said she will attend since Jessica will be out of town.

Adjourn -Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 8:30 AM at Dearborn County Purdue Extension.**

Jessica Rayburn
Treasurer

Approved:



Robert E. Blazek

