



Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District
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MINUTES – REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2022
8:30 AM – Purdue Extension Dearborn County

Supervisor

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

Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson – not present
Tom Klump – not present

SWCD Staff

Jessica Rayburn
Vickie Riggs – called in
Jennifer Hughes
Watershed – Heather Wirth
NRCS - Matt Jarvis
Alejandra González-López
Extension – John Hawley
FFA – East Central – Bradley Kolb
Jacob Kuhn
South Dearborn – not present
ISDA – Not present

The board meeting was called to order by Ken Gunkel, Chair, at 8:40 AM.

Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, December 9, 2021, were reviewed, motion to approve was made by John Kruse, seconded by Pat Holland, motion carried.

Financial Report

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

Extension

- John Hawley announced he accepted a new position at Montana University. He said there are still some Nature Resources Lunch n’ Learn webinars that will take place. The series will be uploaded to YouTube for those that can’t attend during the day. He said the Small Farm Conference will take place in early March. He said a virtual beginning farm program will be starting soon. Ken asked John about the planning and zoning updates. John said there will be a few more public review meetings. Moving forward Jennifer Hughes will be the contact for the planning and zoning updates.

FFA

- Bradley Kolb and Jacob Kuhn from East Central FFA were present. They brought the 2022 East Central FFA Calendars for the office and to be taken to landowners. Bradley said they hosted a donation drive for PAWS of Dearborn County.

ISDA

- Not present



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NRCS

- Matt Jarvis said the office staffing has been moved back to 25% for Dearborn and Switzerland Counties. He is working on EQIP field visits, while Vickie Riggs works on mapping them, and Alejandra González-López enters data. He said the EWP applications have been approved for Johnson Fork Road and Wilson Creek Road. He said the Rising Sun FFA advisor, Corey Lay, attended the Ohio County board meeting. Ohio County SWCD is looking forward to partnering with the Rising Sun FFA.

Old Business

- Annual Meeting – Jessica Rayburn noticed on SharePoint that the Dearborn County Annual Meeting was scheduled for the same date and time as Switzerland County. She recommended changing the date of the Annual Meeting. Everyone agreed and the Annual Meeting will be held March 8, 2022.

New Business

- Designate Depository Bank – A motion to designate The Friendship State Bank as the Depository Bank was made by John, seconded by Pat, motion carried.
- Policy Review – Jessica gave everyone a packet of the current policies: Banking Approval Policy, Annual Meeting Policy, Board Officers Policy, Mileage Policy, Credit Card Policy, Partnership Policy, Weather Policy, Emergency Policy, Capital Purchases & Capitalization Threshold Policy, Purchasing Meals for Activities Policy, Materiality Policy, Federal Government Shutdown Policy, and Memorandum of Understanding between Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Indiana State Soil Conservation Board, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Division of Soil Conservation, Purdue University Extension and Dearborn County Soil and Water Conservation District. The policies were reviewed, and no changes were made.

Staff Reports

- Vickie Riggs sent her report. She asked if the Board would like to continue with the Soil Testing Program and they said yes. She said right now there is enough money allocated for the program and if she would need more that can be discussed later in the year. She asked that deer food plots not be included in the free soil testing program and the Supervisors agreed.
- Heather Wirth sent her report. She said the Franklin County SWCD Administrator resigned. Ken asked about the success story on Hogan Creek. She said two of the stream segments will be delisted from IDEM's Impaired Streams List for Biotic Communities.
- Jennifer Hughes sent her report. She said the Native Plant Sale will take place in May. She is going to have a training with Maxwell Construction on the new permitting information. She has one conservation backyard plan that needs signed.
- Jessica Rayburn sent her report. She drafted a final notice letter for the past due equipment rentals, and she would like Ken to sign. She will send the letters certified to those with past due accounts. The Board agreed with sending these letters and taking the appropriate actions needed.



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Supervisor Updates/Comments

- John received the parts needed for the drill. He said he will work on getting the parts replaced. He asked about the hotel information for the upcoming Annual State Conference. Jessica said she will email a copy of the tax-exempt form and their reservations to each member attending. Ken said he read the Hamilton County, Ohio, Commissioners are taking actions to make sure Rumpke is following the correct rules and laws for the landfill.

Other

- The next Commissioner's meeting SWCD plans to attend is February 1st.

Adjourn - Meeting was adjourned at 10:32 AM.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 10, 2022 8:30 AM at Purdue Extension.**

Jessica Rayburn
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved:









