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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**

June 7, 2022

10:00 AM – Dearborn County SWCD Office

### Supervisor

Ken Gunkel – Chairman  
Eric Callahan – Vice Chair  
Pat Holland  
John Kruse  
Robert Schroeder

### Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson - Not present  
Tom Klump

### SWCD Staff

Vickie Riggs

Watershed – Heather Wirth

NRCS - Matt Jarvis – Not present

Alejandra González-López – Not present

Extension – Jeff Hermesch – Not present

FFA – East Central – Not present

Dearborn – not present

ISDA – Not present

The Board Meeting was called to order by Ken Gunkel, Chair, at 9:45 AM.

### *Minutes*

Minutes from the previous meeting, May 12, 2022, were reviewed, motion to approve was made by John Kruse, seconded by Pat Holland, 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 Eric Callahan, seconded by Rocky Schroeder, motion carried.

### *Extension*

- Jeff Hermesch was not present.

### *FFA*

- Not present

### *ISDA*

- *Not present*



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### *NRCS*

- Vickie presented information for Matt. Additional 6 more EQIP applications were selected for pre-obligated funding; 5 in Dearborn County, 1 in Ohio county = \$330,590.00.
- June 21 - NRCS Area District Conservationist and Team Leaders will be in Dearborn County to take a tour. Matt and Vickie will take them to a EWP (Emergency Watershed Protection program) site (\$1.347 Million total project funded) on West Laughery Creek Rd, and then to a farm to look at conservation practices installed, funded through EQIP.

### *Old Business*

- Executive Meeting was held June 7th, 2022 at 8:30 a.m., to review resumes for the District Office Coordinator's position.
- Discussed proposed development Brad Dawson presented at last meeting. Referred to newspaper articles that were published. No updates were available.

### *New Business*

- Storm Water Coordinator position will be advertised and resumes accepted until July 3, 2022.
- Discussion was held during the board meeting - 13 resumes were received for the Office Coordinator's job position - four applicants were chosen by the board members to call for interviews.
- Proposed interviews will be held Thursday, June 9th and/or Friday, June 10th.
- Ken Gunkel, Chair, will call selected applicants to set up interview times, after board meeting.
- IAWCD yearly dues \$2,000.00 was presented to the board for review. A motion to approve the claim was made by John Kruse, seconded by Pat Holland, motion carried.
- 2023 County budget appropriations was presented to the board. Updates were made to three line items asking for a budget increase: Education supplies 2,000.00 - asked for 2,500.00; Postage 2500.00 - asked for 3,000.00; Printing and Advertising 2,000.00 - asked for 3,000.00. A motion to approve the appropriations was made by Rocky Schroeder, seconded by Pat Holland, motion carried. Chairman Ken Gunkel signed the Budget Estimate and Salary form. Vickie will scan and return to Leah Bailey at Auditor's Office by July 8, 2022.
- County Budget Hearings will be held August 8 - 12.

### *Staff Reports*

- Vickie Riggs sent her report to staff and board
- Keeping Quick Book entries current/bank reconciliation
- Making bank deposits/accounts payable/receivable
- Submitting Payroll
- Vouchers were submitted to the SWCD board for approval
- Advertising vacant positions
- Sent in the Deam Award nomination - Echo Hill Farms
- Sent in the River Friendly Farmer nomination - John Kruse
- Board minutes



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- Heather Wirth sent her report.

*Supervisor Updates/Comments*

- John Kruse will attend IASWCD state meeting to be held in Indianapolis, June 17th.

*Other*

- Next Commissioners Meeting is July 5. Ken & Rocky will attend.

*Adjourn* -Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, July 7th 2022, at Dearborn County SWCD office at 8:30 AM.**

*Vickie A Riggs*

SWCD Environmental Technician

Approved:

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*John Kruse*  
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*Robert C. Schneider*  
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