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

August 22, 2022

8:30 AM – Dearborn County SWCD

### Supervisor

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

### SWCD Staff

Beth Terrill  
Vickie Riggs

### Watershed – Heather Wirth

NRCS - Matt Jarvis, Alejandra  
Gonzalez-Lopez

### Associate Supervisors

Brad Dawson – not present  
Tom Klump  
Guest – Matthew Johnson

### Extension – Jeff Hermesch

FFA – East Central – Bradley  
Kolb  
South Dearborn - Not present  
ISDA – Not present

The board meeting was called to order by Ken Gunkel, Chairman, at 8:30 AM. No motions were made due to lack of quorum.

### Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting, July 12, 2022, were reviewed, and had previously been approved and signed from the last monthly board meeting due to minutes needed to be turned in to Friendship State Bank.

### Financial Report

The claims voucher for July was presented to the Board for review. The Claims Register, Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation was also presented. For future meetings it was decided this was too much information and only the Claims Register would need to be printed but the Bank Statement and Bank Reconciliation could be emailed.

### Extension

Jeff Hermesch

- SEPAC field day will be August 30 in Butlerville, IN. Free fish fry dinner.
- Roger Wenning Field Day on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 – 2:00.
- Soil Testing program has been a huge hit in Dearborn County and with the Park Board.
- Park Board is looking for new members.



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- Tom Klump asked about acquiring an AE # (Agriculture Exemption). Jeff will check in to this.

### **FFA**

- Bradley Kolb reported there were 2 students who had competed in the State Contest Leadership Activities.
- District kick off will be September 20 and will have all kinds of activities.
- \$3,000 grant was received for the National FFA East Central Relief Program.
- FFA is selling ad space for calendars for \$100. The board agrees to support Ad space again.

### **ISDA**

- No one present.

### **NRCS**

- Matt has finished up applications for Equip. 12 more were received with a few in Switzerland County also. Project has topped a million dollars.
- \$881,000 was received from EWP (Emergency Watershed Program) for Bonnell Road. Johnson Fork is being worked on as well.
- Matt is trying to find an Electrician to install a cell phone booster for the office to receive cell service.

### **Old Business**

- An amendment for the credit card policy will be made to increase the credit card limit from \$2,000 to \$3,000.
- Vickie will apply for a grant from Indiana Forestry Educational Foundation.
- The Summer District Meeting will be held on August 25, 2022, in Greensburg. Pat had signed up to go, and the office will keep in touch with him to see if he will still be able to attend.
- Charlie Adams, a long-time speaker for Soil and Water meetings will be considered as a speaker at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Beth has forwarded the required bonding forms for her position to the county for processing.



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**New Business**

- Vickie mentioned the Great Plains Drill keeps breaking a roll pin. John Kruse said he would look at it.
- John Kruse was awarded the River Friendly Farmer award at the State Fair on August 11.
- Discussion was held on solar farms in Dearborn County.
- Matthew Johnson is the newest SWCD Associate Supervisor
- Executive Meeting to follow for Storm Water Coordinator position today.
- Open Meeting to followed Executive Meeting.

**Staff Reports**

- Vickie Riggs sent her report
- Heather Wirth sent her report. All of the Whitewater grant has been spent and she gave information to the Board on Drones.
- Beth Terrill sent her report. She will be going to Indianapolis on August 17 to get her Link Pass

**Supervisor Updates/Comments**

- Ken mentioned that the budget was asked for an increase of \$2,000 but was told maybe only \$1,000 would be received.

**Other**


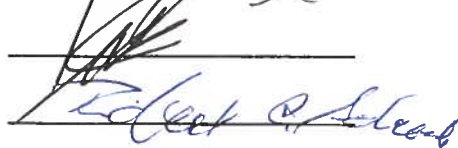
- Ken would like to know when the Commissioners meeting will be held in September.


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

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 8:30 AM**, at the Dearborn County SWCD Office

*Beth Terrill*  
District Coordinator

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