

# ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## April 18, 2022

**Present:** Supervisors: *Tom Kercher, Alex Wait, Dale Leer, Dean Rink, Darrell Shover*; Staff: *Jim Hess, Lora Atkins, Todd Clark*; Associates: *Keith Miller*.

**Absent:** Associates: David Bontrager, Joe Brown, Brian Campbell, Gary Kaufman. Staff: Jenna Wait. Purdue Extension: Jeff Burbrink, Robert Kelly; Elkhart County Surveyor: Phil Barker; NRCS: Wes Krug; ISDA Support Specialist: Heath Hurst.

The board meeting was called to order by Tom Kercher at 5:30 pm.

The March 21, 2022 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Leer/Shover*

### **Agency Reports:**

#### **NRCS:**

Not in attendance

#### **ISDA:**

Not in attendance

#### **County Surveyor:**

He has been working on the drainage ditch on County Road 36 by the Fairgrounds.

#### **Extension:**

Not in attendance

#### **District Business:**

\* Native Plant Sale: Jim asked the board whether we should go ahead with the Native Sale, the board we should.

\*Landfill Inspections: May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am, if anyone wants to attend.

\*Tillage Transect: Our Spring Tillage Transect was completed last month, Jim Hess, Heath Hurst & Wes Krug completed the transect, when it was done all Heath had to do was submit it to the State.

\*MS4 Annual Meeting: May 9-10<sup>th</sup> Jim and Todd will be going to Indianapolis, they will be taking Augmented Reality Sandbox with them, the cost \$140/ea. Plus hotel and meals. The board approved *Shover/Leer*

\*Elkhart County Water Sampling Sites: Kate with Macog is going to work with Jim on Turkey Creek Watershed.

\*SWAMP Projects: We have processed 1 application.

\*Rule 5 Updates: Engineer training will take place next week 4/26 – 4/28 with one virtual session. He has 16 plans waiting in the que waiting to be approved by Elkhart/Goshen/Elkhart County

\*Education Updates: 4-H Program/Arbor Day & Earth Day/5/5- Elkhart community Schools 1 ac Planting w/Pheasants Forever/Middlebury Schools in the Fall

\*Forestry Field Day: Jim is thinking Adams Rd/CR 2 since there would be parking, he would also ask St Joseph County if they would want to partner with us.

**Financial Business:**

The vehicle log was signed.

The rubber stamp was not used.

The Gateway Reports have been uploaded and reviewed by the Board.

The monthly financial reports, budgets were approved on a motion by ***Wait/Shover***

Claims for the following were signed:

Dal-Mar Catering (\$2,067.00 – Annual Meeting/”Capture the Credits” Workshop);Hensler Nursery, Inc (\$328.50 – Extra tree’s & paper); Michael Fear (\$51.00 – 2022 Tree Sale – Refund of 25 Norway Spruce); Marilyn Kauffman (\$22.50 - 2022 Tree Sale – Refund of 10 Sugar Maple); Chris Yoder (\$41.40 -2022 Tree Sale – Refund of Tulip Poplar); Tamara Smeltzer (\$51.30 - 2022 Tree Sale – Refund of American Arborvitae); David Hess (\$110.40 – Mileage for picking tree’s up 2022 Tree Sale/DNR Tree’s); Neil Detweiler (\$57.00 - 2022 Tree Sale – Refund of American Arborvitae); Common Ground (\$625.21 – 2022 IMN Class Books); Michiana Master Gardeners Assn. (\$1,639.74 – Proceeds from the 2022 Tree Sale).

The board meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM ***Wait/Leer***

**Next Board Meeting: June 20, 2022 - 5:30 pm**  
**SWCD Office**  
**59358 County Road 7 Elkhart, IN 46517**

**SWCD Board Chairman**  
**Tom Kercher**

**SWCD Board Vice Chairman**  
**Alex Wait**

**SWCD Board Member**  
**Dale Leer**

**SWCD Board Member**  
**Dean Rink**

**SWCD Board Member**  
**Darrell Shover**

**Recording Secretary**  
**Lora Atkins**