

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2020

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

Absent: Associates: David Bontrager, Joe Brown, Brian Campbell, Keith Miller; Purdue Extension: Jeff Burbrink, Robert Kelly; ISDA District Support Specialist: Jennifer Thum; ISDA Support Specialist: Heath Hurst; NRCS: Amanda Kautz; Elkhart County Surveyor: Phil Barker.

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

The February 24, 2020 board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by *Leer/Rink*

Agency Reports:

District Business:

*Annual Meeting Recap: We felt that everything went well, with a good attendance.

*Cover Your Future Meeting Recap: Jim talked about how he thought the workshop went.

*Tree Sale Cancellation: We explained why the tree sale had to be cancelled, there was 120 refunds that was made, we will have the same species for the 2021 Tree Sale in the fall.

*2020 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence: Commissioner Mike Yoder has asked our dept. to apply for this award, so we are going to submit using our SWAMP program, showcasing a couple of our producers. Todd and Jenna along with Jim have been working on the application, so it will be ready to submitted by the deadline of May 4th.

*IMN Class Postponed: Most of everyone who is signed up has requested to stay on the list, with only one person asking for their money back.

*New Laptops: We were able to acquire two new laptops so that Todd and Jenna could work from home during this quarantine, they are able to get on our server and see everything they can see as if they were in the office.

*SWAMP Projects and Updates: Nothing new has comes in.

District Business:

~Dates to Remember~

MS4 Annual Meeting Cancelled

Financial Business:

The vehicle log was signed.

The rubber stamp was not used.

The monthly financial reports, claims and budgets were approved on a motion by *Leer/Shover*

Claims for the following were signed:

INterra Credit Union (\$1,219.17 – 2020 Jr IMN Books); Purdue University (\$350.00 – Speaker fee Cover Your Future Workshop); Dal-Mar Catering (\$1,718.00 – Cover Your Future Workshop/2019 Annual Mtg Catering); Elkhart County 4-H Fair & Agri Expo (\$775.00 – 2020 Tree Sale Deposit); Grandma's Pantry (\$271.00 – Ice cream machine rental & mix for Cover Your Future Workshop/2019 Annual Mtg Catering); Dawn VanMeter (\$175.00 – 2020 IMN Registration Refund); INterra Credit Union (\$1,999.00 – Cover Your Future Workshop

Supplies/IMN Supplies); 2020 Tree Sale Refunds (\$9,080.60 – 120 refunds); Deluxe Checks/McBee, Inc (\$196.98).

Reorganization:

Board Positions: Chairman – Tom Kercher; Vice Chairman – Alex Wait; Treasurer – Lora Atkins; Financial Institution – Interra Credit Union; District Credit Card Policy – Has been signed. *Leer/Shover*

The board meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM *Shover/Leer*

**Next Board Meeting: May 18, 2020 - 5:30 pm at the New SWCD Office,
59358 CR 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**