

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 16, 2021

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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*; Associates: *Keith Miller*; ISDA District Support Specialist: *Heath Hurst*.

Absent: Associates: David Bontrager, Joe Brown, Brian Campbell, Gary Kaufman; Purdue Extension: Jeff Burbrink, Robert Kelly; Elkhart County Surveyor: Phil Barker; NRCS: Wes Krug.

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

The July 19, 2021 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Leer/Rink*

Agency Reports:

NRCS:

Not in attendance

ISDA:

CWI Grant deadline Sept 9th. Nate Stoelting is our new ISDA District Support Specialist (Acting).

County Surveyor:

Not in attendance.

Extension:

Not in attendance.

District Business:

*IASWCD 2021 Dues: Our dues are \$2000, the board approved. *Shover/Wait*

*Office Appliances: We purchased a Refrigerator/Stove for our new office.

*Field Day w/Hans Kok: Walden's Roadshow during the month's of September and October, we will have box lunches from Dal-mar catering.

*Tree Sale: Lora is waiting for one more nursery catalog to come in so she can finalize pricing, before she can start printing out the order forms to mail out.

*Native Plant Sale: In the spring Jim wants to contact Cardno about the Native plant sale, then contact the those who purchase the native plants in the fall to see how the plants turned out.

*SWAMP Projects: Things are starting to gear up for the fall, applications should start coming in soon.

*Rule 5 Updates: July-August Inspections 125 – Annual Inspections 327 – 2020 Annual Inspection 275 – 88
2021 New Projects – 2021 – Closed 48 Projects – 2021 – 710 Acres Disturbed – 1000+ Acres City/Gov't –
Todd is going through the Neighborhoods so he can close the ones that need to be closed.

*Education Updates: Green Earth Day @ Elkhart County Fair, Display @ Elkhart County Fair, EnviroFest, Augmented Reality Sandbox @ The State Fair. Middlebury Riverfest will be on Aug 28th.

*Steuben County AR Sandbox: The board agreed since we used the Steuben County AR Sandbox at the State Fair, but we received the payment that we pay them the money we received. *Rink/Leer*

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 *Shover/Rink*

Claims for the following were signed:

Indiana Natural Resources Foundation (\$220.00 – Admin Fee – IMN Fee 22 Participants); INterra Credit Union (\$411.70 – IMN Supplies/Tree Sale Supplies); INterra Credit Union (\$559.26 – Office/Educational supplies, postage, vehicle repair, fuel, INAFSM Dues, Conference Lodging/Meals).

The board meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM *Wait/Leer*

Next Board Meeting: September 20, 2020 - 5:30 pm
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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