

# ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 19, 2021

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**Present:** Supervisors: *Tom Kercher, Alex Wait, Dean Rink*; Staff: *Jim Hess, Lora Atkins, Jenna Wait*; Associates: *Keith Miller*; NRCS: *Wes Krug*; ISDA District Support Specialist (Acting): *Katie Secrest*.

**Absent:** Supervisors: Dale Leer, Darrell Shover; Staff: Todd Clark; Associates: David Bontrager, Joe Brown, Brian Campbell, Gary Kaufman; Purdue Extension: Jeff Burbrink, Robert Kelly; Elkhart County Surveyor: Phil Barker.

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

The June 21, 2021 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Rink/Wait*

## **Agency Reports:**

### **NRCS:**

*Cover Crop Pilot Program*

### **ISDA:**

CWI Grant submittals are due by 9/4. July 20

VirTuesday for Indiana (District Insurance needs and Liability)

### **County Surveyor:**

Not in attendance.

### **Extension:**

Not in attendance.

### **District Business:**

\*Conservation Farmer Award: Morehouse Grain Farms, LLC has been chosen for this award. *Rink/Wait*

\*SWAMP Projects and Updates: Jim spoke about the Morehouse project since he had just been out there today.

\*Conservation Credits: He has 3-5 properties ready to transition over to the Spring 2022 Installment.

\*Rule 5 Updates: 2021: We have received a lot of projects, and more are due to come in.

\*Education Updates: IMN class is officially done! The Elkhart County Fair starts on Friday and Jenna will be at the Green Earth Day where we will have a booth, we will also have a booth in Ag Hall. She will also be at EnviroFest on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> and RiverFest on Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. The Augmented Reality Sandbox is going to be at the Indiana State Fair again this year.

\*Landfill Inspections: Earthmovers and Elkhart County landfills coordinating with IDEM will more than likely happen after the Fair.

### **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/Rink*

Claims for the following were signed:

INterra Credit Union (\$40.20 – 2021 IMN Supplies); INterra Credit Union (\$412.63 – Office/Educational Supplies/Postage/Vehicle Repair/Fuel); IDEA (\$130.00 – 2021 IDEA Fall Conference – Jenna Wait).

The board meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM *Wait/Rink*

**Next Board Meeting: August 16, 2020 - 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**