

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 20, 2022

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

Absent: Associates: David Bontrager, Joe Brown, Brian Campbell, Gary Kaufman. 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 April 18, 2022 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Rink/Shover*

Agency Reports:

NRCS:

Not in attendance

ISDA:

Not in attendance

County Surveyor:

Not in attendance

Extension:

Not in attendance

District Business:

* Elkhart County SWCD & Stormwater 2023 Budgets: Approved *Leer/Wait*

*Native Plant Sale: Jim talked about the Native Plant Sale and showed the board the flyer we have made up and in June's Grass Root's Newsletter.

*Forestry Field Day: We are going to Co-op with the St Joseph County SWCD and Pheasants Forever, the Forestry Field Day will be at the ACCELL Farm in late October, but a date has not been set,

*River Friendly Farmer: Kercher's Sunrise Orchard has been chosen for this year.

*Conservation Farmer of the Year: Next month we would like to choose our winner, we will have a list of previous winners.

*Elkhart County Water Sampling Sites: Kate Barrett is working heavily in the Turkey Creek, Rock Run Creek and Yellow Creek.

*IASWCD Meet & Greet: Sandra Hoffarth is our new (DSS) District Support Specialist, we had a Meet & Greet on May 19th.

*IASWCD Dues: \$2,000 for 2022 Dues – Board approved *Wait/Shover*

*SWAMP Projects: Jim is finishing up the Reed's this week.

*General Permitting Updates: Certain # of inspections per project, NOT inspections, 1-5 acres. 5+ acres, complaints, Pre-con's. Each jurisdiction will have their own permit # and will be required to report their own education/inspections numbers.

*Education Updates: Pollinator Week/Arbor Day/Earth Day/Pollinator Planting/Hoosier River Watch Training/ Career Fair/Goshen HS Rain Barrels/Ag Days/IMN Class/Goshen 1st Fridays/Ag in the Classroom/Invasive Species Class/Nature Camp @ Woodlawn/Goshen WaterFest

*Memorandum of Clarification: Jim met with the County attorney to revise the Memorandum of Clarification Phase II Interlocal Agreement to include the new General Permitting update.

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/Leer*

Claims for the following were signed:

Elkhart County 4-H Dairy Advisory (\$350.00 – Ice Cream machine & supplies); Mapping Supplies (\$1,035.00 – 2020 Plat Books); INterra Credit Union/District/District (\$68.65 – Tree Sale Supplies); INterra Credit Union/County (\$571.49 – Office supplies/Postage/Vehicle Repair/Conference Cost); Common Ground Dist (\$220.96 – 2022 IMN Books); INterra Credit Union/District (\$1,541.80 – 2022 IMN Class Supplies); INterra Credit Union/County (\$456.58 –Postage/Special Projects); INterra Credit Union/District (\$66.87 – 2022 IMN Class Supplies); INterra Credit Union/County (\$536.45 – Postage/Office Supplies/Special Projects/Conference Costs).

The board meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM *Shover/Rink*

Next Board Meeting: July 18, 2022 - 5:30 pm
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