

# ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## June 21, 2021

**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 Support Specialist: *Heath Hurst*.

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

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

The May 17, 2021 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Rink/Shover*

### **Agency Reports:**

#### **NRCS:**

Not in attendance

#### **ISDA:**

CWI Grant submittals are due by 9/4. District Support Specialist Jennifer Thum for our area has been promoted to Deputy Director of the Division of Soil Conservation. Indiana State Fair 2021 runs from 7/30 – 8/22.

#### **County Surveyor:**

Not in attendance.

#### **Extension:**

Not in attendance.

#### **District Business:**

\*Open House/Field Day: Our Open House has been scheduled for November 19 before the holidays here at our new office. We will also be having a Field Day at the Morehouses on September 9 from 9 am – 1 pm w/lunch.

\*2020 Budgets: Soil & Water were approved – *Shover/Rink*  
Stormwater were approved – *Leer/Wait*

\*2021 Quickbooks: We updated our 2018 Quickbooks since it was outdated and we would lose all support, so we are now good for another 3 years.

\*River Friendly Farmer Award: We have chosen Woodsbrook Farms, Inc. Craig, Jessica Blough and Michelle Blough.

\*Conservation Farmer Award: Jim will have a list ready at the July Board Meeting.

\*SWAMP Projects and Updates: Mike Brown's grassed waterway is now finished!

\*Conservation Credits: Jim has 3-4 people ready to go, the Auditor said she is comfortable starting with a few this year to start. Participants cannot be in both SWAMP and Conservation credits.

\*Rule 5 Updates: 2021: Contractors workshop & survey with a 3 day different focus featuring BMP's each day, morning only with breakfast provided.

\*Education Updates: IMN class, she is half way through, County Stormwater Employee training was approved by the Stormwater Board this morning.

\*Jordan Shedd Contract: The board approved the contract for work done by Jordan Shedd. *Leer/Shover*

**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 *Leer/Wait*

Claims for the following were signed:

Goshen Home Medical (\$53.50 – IMN Class Scooters); INterra Credit Union (\$2,270.02 – 2021 IMN Class Books & Supplies); Jenna Wait (\$85.89 0 2021 IMN Class Supplies); Amazon Capital Services, Inc. (\$399.99 – Quickbooks 2021 Upgrade); Elkhart County 4-H Ag & Expo, Inc (\$250.00 – 2020 Tree Sale Deposit); INterra Credit Union (\$624.94 – Office Supplies/Educational Supplies/Postage/Vehicle Repair).

The board meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM *Wait/Shover*

**Next Board Meeting: July 19, 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**