

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 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*; Elkhart County Surveyor: *Phil Barker*.

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

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

The October 18, 2021 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Leer/Rink*

Agency Reports:

NRCS:

Not in attendance

ISDA:

Deadlines: Nominees for election is December 1st. District Annual Meeting Information is due January 1st. Both can be filled out on Conservation Link.

County Surveyor:

Phil has been working on a permit for turkey creek. This winter he will have 8 ditch projects that will start. There is ARP money to be used in the Wakarusa area for a waste water treatment option & help Foraker and Southwest.

Extension:

Not in attendance.

District Business:

*SWCD Open House: The office Open house will be this Friday from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, all are welcome to attend!

*Tree Sale Update: We have 24 orders in and almost \$1,600 have come in.

*SWAMP Projects: We have had a lot of applications/invoices come in and are being processed to be paid.

*Rule 5 Updates: Todd has been closing out projects – He has done 114 Reviews this year – 92 in 2020 2021 – 223 new sites with 447 total inspections, with 292 in 2020. There will be a new Rule 5 permit coming out soon.

*Education Updates: Todd/Jenna were at Northwood HS talking about Career & Sandbox and Soils. IMN Potluck, Video of worm castings at Goshen HS, MS4 Annual Mtg, Jim/Jenna were at JobSpark.

*Jim ordered a Ford truck through Eby Ford, but it will probably be sometime in 2022 before we receive it.

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/Rink*

Claims for the following were signed:

Mapping Solutions (\$1,035.00); NACD (\$775.00 – 2022 Dues); DNR Nursery License (\$50.00); INterra Credit Union (\$1,364.29 – Office supplies/Postage/Sustenance/Special Projects).

The board meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM *Wait/Leer*

Next Board Meeting: December 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

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Recording Secretary
Lora Atkins