

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 2021

Present: Supervisors: *Tom Kercher, Alex Wait, Dale Leer, Dean Rink*; Staff: *Jim Hess, Lora Atkins, Todd Clark, Jenna Wait*; Associates: *Keith Miller*; ISDA District Support Specialist: *Heath Hurst*; NRCS: *Wes Krug*.

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

Locally Led Meeting started at 5:30 pm and ran until 6:30 pm, led by Wes Krug from NRCS.

The board meeting was called to order by Tom Kercher at 6:35 pm.

The August 16, 2021 board meeting minutes was approved on a motion by *Leer/Rink*

Agency Reports:

NRCS:

Locally led Meeting was held tonight.

ISDA:

Heath reminded us that Election Committee Appointments are due on Nov 1st – as well as Supervisor Appointments. Nominees for Election are due on Dec 1st.

County Surveyor:

Not in attendance

Extension:

Not in attendance.

District Business:

*Budget Hearing Update: Last week Dean was at the hearing with Jim, everything went well.

*SWCD Sign Options: Jim has decided to let John Bowers to handle the sign, since he will be getting a sign for the blue house which is now housed with several Assessors offices.

*Field Day Structure: October 27th will be with Stephanie McClain at Keith Miller's farm.

*Tree Sale: Lora has had up to 15 orders come in already, which is a good response so far.

*SWAMP Projects: We have had 5-6 projects come in so far, Jim is trying to wean some off wheat.

*Rule 5 Updates: Lora sent out the Renewal letters, NOT inspections are being scheduled. Plans are still coming in but at a slower pace. Todd helped Jenna with some of her education events.

*Education Updates: 2022-23 calendars is at the printers, education event at Northridge 8th grade, Ag/Careers at Northwood. JA Jobspark in Auburn, IN Sponsorship. Jenna did a video with Joe Foy this week.

*MS4 Annual Mtg: October 25 – 26 Indianapolis, IN Augmented Reality Sandbox. Jim Hess, Todd Clark & Jenna Wait will be in attendance.

*IVY Tech Students have finished the landscaping in front of the office.

*We need to purchase large shelving unit for the basement to get our NOT boxes off the floor, Jenna priced them around \$400. Leer/Rink

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:

Elkhart County 4-H Ag & Expo, Inc. (\$1,050.00 – 2021 Annual Meeting Deposit/2022 Tree Sale Rental);
SBOA Audit Fee (\$433.00 – ACH).

The board meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM *Wait/Leer*

Next Board Meeting: November 15, 2020 - 5:30 pm
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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

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Darrell Shover

Recording Secretary
Lora Atkins