

ELKHART COUNTY SWCD BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 21, 2020

Present: Supervisors: *Alex Wait, Dean Rink, Darrell Shover*; Staff: *Jim Hess, Lora Atkins, Todd Clark, Jenna Wait*; Associates: *Keith Miller*; NRCS: *Wes Krug*; ISDA Support Specialist: *Heath Hurst*; Elkhart County Surveyor: *Phil Barker*.

Absent: Supervisors: Tom Kercher, Dale Leer; Associates: David Bontrager, Joe Brown, Brian Campbell, Gary Kaufman; Purdue Extension: Jeff Burbrink, Robert Kelly; ISDA District Support Specialist: Jennifer Thum.

The board meeting was called to order by Alex Wait at 5:35 pm.

The August 17, 2020 board meeting minutes were approved on a motion by *Rink/Shover*

Agency Reports:

NRCS: (Talking Points – Wes Krug)

-Introduction of Wes Krug to the Board-NRCS to help train on the differences between this state and the other states I have worked in before.

-CRP sign up 53 & 54 deadline have passed

-Producers that did not get funded and will be deferred until next year, have not received their letters yet but will soon.

-Local Working Group, meeting set for October 19th at 7:00 pm

-CSP Payment will need to be made by November 6th

-Protracts will be shut down from September 30th – October 6th which will limit payments during this time.

-4 EQIP's contracts were funded this year. Originally there were 5 but one backed out.

-1 CRP was enrolled and 2 re-enrollments were denied and didn't meet specs.

-No CSP were funded, 1 application ranked.

ISDA:

Election Committee is due by the end of October. Our committee is Dean Rink is the Chairman, Alex Wait and Dale Leer. There is a Nutrient Management Nutrient Workshop (10/13 Dubois), (10/14 Franklin), (10/15 West Lafayette), or Virtual – October 21, 28 and November 4. Time in person 9:30 am – 3:45 pm, Registration starts at 9:00 am. Virtual sessions – 1:00 – 2:30 EST. Cost: In person \$35/Virtual \$20. To register online: opens 9/21 <https://www.ccsin.org/event-registration>

County Surveyor:

His budget was approved get ready for the new drone. He is looking to work on Turkey creek.

District Business:

*Stormwater Education Equipment: All of the new equipment is in, Jenna showed how it works.

*2020 Plat Books: The plat books are in, we talked about getting flash drives and having a pdf copy available along with the plat books, the plat books are available for \$25 they are in large print this time.

*INAFSM Recap: Todd Clark attended INAFSM virtually Sept. 16-18, he spoke about how he recv'd a lot out of the sessions, and how IDEM will have a new MS4 permit going into effect next year.

*Rule 5 Updates: Todd is 100% caught up. He has **4** outstanding in the City of Elkhart. **2** outstanding in the City of Goshen. **0** outstanding in Elkhart County, waiting for approval.

*SWAMP Projects and Updates: We have 6 applications that we are waiting for the invoices and seed tags to come to be processed for payments. 3 payments that we are processing now. Jim has a couple waterways that he is working on that he says that is a work in progress.

*Governor's Excellence Award: We won the Governor's Excellence Award, Jim showed the board the award we received, the wood on the award is from Lugar's property, we are just waiting for the press release from the governor's office.

District Business:

~Dates to Remember~

NACD Annual Meeting February 6-10, 2021 - New Orleans, LA

Financial Business:

The vehicle log was signed.

The rubber stamp was not signed.

The monthly financial reports, claims and budgets were approved on a motion by *Shover/Rink*

Claims for the following were signed:

LaGwana (\$194.00 – Tree Sale/Cover Your Future Workshop); Mapping Solutions (\$1,025.00 – 2020 Plat Books); Becky Helmuth (\$175.00 – 2020 IMN Class Registration – Refund); INterra Credit Union/County (\$659.00 – Office Supplies/INASF/Project Supplies/DJI Camera & attachments).

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

**Next Board Meeting: October 19, 2020 - 5:30 pm at the New SWCD Office,
Locally Led Meeting afterwards @ 7:00 pm
59358 County Rd 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**