

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - On Tuesday July 19, 2022, at 7:10 pm a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the St Joseph County SWCD at the Centre Township Branch of the St. Joseph County Public Library, South Bend, IN 46614, was called to order by John Dooms, Chairman.

II.

PRESENT – SWCD

John Dooms, Chair/Supervisor
Dave Vandewalle, Supervisor
Chris Matthys, Supervisor
Marty Lappin, Supervisor
Dave Straughn, Assoc Sup

PRESENT – SWCD/NRCS

Sarah Longenecker, SWCD CC
Ally Pudlo, SWCD EEC
Debbie Knepp, NRCS DC
Jorge Lozoya, NRCS

**PRESENT– EX-
OFFICIO– Public**

Pete Engel
Evelyn Teske

ABSENT – SWCD

Sam James, Supervisor
Mike Burkholder, Assoc. Sup
Dave Craft
Chuck Lehman
Randy Matthys
Richard Schmidt
Dru Wrasse

III. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** –

IV. **REGULAR BUSINESS**

- a. **Legislative Updates** – None
- b. **Indiana Conservation Partnership Updates** – Longenecker passed along a reminder that ISDA has sent out a link to required harassment training that needs to be completed by 8/31
- c. **Minutes June 21, 2022 board meeting** – Board Minutes were reviewed and approved as presented
- d. **Treasurer’s Report: (6/22/22 – 7/19/22)** – Treasurer’s report was reviewed and approved as presented
- e. **Approval of Claims (6/22/22 – 7/19/22)** – A motion was made and seconded (Matthys/Vandewalle) to approve claim numbers 11736-11742 in the amount of \$952.35. Motion carried.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **St. Joseph Co. Soil & Water Conservation Partnership Staff Reports**
 - i. **Field Office Report** –The field office report was presented to the board, reviewed & discussed. (attached)
 - ii. **NRCS Talking Points** – Knepp presented the report to the board. She discussed an upcoming Urban Ag virtual training that all staff and supervisors are being asked to attend. (attached).
- b. **Committee reports**
 - i. **Education Committee** – Straughn presented a recap of the education committee meeting (attached). Pudlo added some details and answered questions on progress getting in contact with schools.
- c. **Legislative Tour Recap** – Longenecker informed the board of which Indiana legislators attended and what information was passed along to them. (attached)

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Schedules/ Upcoming Events / Any Related Claims** –
 - i. **Staff Comp Time Requests** – Longenecker requested comp time for 7/20, 7/27, 8/9. Pudlo requested comp time for 7/30, 8/9, & 8/17. Board approved the requests. Pudlo also requested the release of \$25 to cover the cost of the CISMA annual meeting. A motion was made and seconded (Matthys/Lappin). Motion carried.
 - ii. **Summer District Meeting** - In person region meetings are being hosted in August. If anyone is interested in attending the cost is \$25 (which includes dinner) which the SWCD has traditionally covered. (flyer attached)
- b. **St. Joseph County Comprehensive Plan** - Longenecker informed the board that the St. Joseph County Plan Commission has invited the SWCD and any other interested St. Joseph County residents to participate in working groups for specific pillars that will form the new county Comprehensive Plan. She informed them that she would be sitting on the Environmental Stewardship group and that she and Marty Lappin would be sitting on the Farmland Preservation group. If anyone else is interested, please let her know.
- c. **Local Working Group** – Longenecker informed the board that it is time again to hold our Locally Led Meeting. It was decided to hold it at 6:00 pm prior to the September board meeting on the 20th.

d. **Upcoming fall Weed Wrangle** – Pudlo let the board know that we plan to host a Weed Wrangle at Potato Creek State Park in October. The final date is not yet set but will be on the 1st, 8th, or 15th from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm approximately. Potato Creek should be able to supply most tools aside from herbicide.

VII. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR – Evelyn Teske had a few questions for the board and staff. They were answered and additional resources were provided to her by staff. Chris Matthys let the board know that he and Mike Burkholder would be attending the county budget meeting at 5:30 on July 27th. He also relayed a thank you from Brian Kapouch for the staff assisting him in getting some info on Potato Creek for a presentation he gave there.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made and seconded (Lappin/Vandewalle). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

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