MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. **CALL TO ORDER** - On Tuesday April 19, 2022, at 9:00 am a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the St Joseph County SWCD at the Farm Credit Service building at 5310 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46614, was called to order by John Dooms, Chairman.

II. **PRESENT**
- **SWCD**
  - John Dooms, Chair/Supervisor
  - Sam James, Supervisor
  - Marty Lappin, Supervisor
  - Mike Burkholder, Assoc. Sup.
- **SWCD/NRCS**
  - Sarah Longenecker, SWCD CC
  - Debbie Kneppe, NRCS DC
  - Kelly Dodd, SWCD AA
- **EX-OFFCIO**
  - Sandra Hoffarth, ISDA DSS
- **ABSENT**
  - Chris Matthys, Supervisor
  - Dave Craft
  - Chuck Lehman
  - Randy Matthys
  - Richard Schmidt
  - Dru Wrasse
  - Dave Vandewalle, Supervisor
  - Ally Pudlo, SWCD EEC

III. **ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – Need to add Forestry Field Day to New Business

IV. **REGULAR BUSINESS**
   a. **Legislative Updates** – None
   b. **Indiana Conservation Partnership Updates** – None
   c. **Minutes March 15, 2022 board meeting** – Board Minutes were reviewed and approved, pending corrections (adding 2nd on CWI motion).
   d. **Treasurer’s Report: (3/16/22 – 4/18/22)** – Treasurer’s report was reviewed and approved as presented
   e. **Approval of Claims (3/16/22 – 4/18/22)** – Sam James made a motion, Marty Lappin 2nd motion to approve Claim Nos. 11717 – 11721 for a total of $1,190.53. Motion carried.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. **St. Joseph Co. Soil & Water Conservation Partnership Staff Reports**
      i. **Field Office Report** – John Dooms requested a sympathy card be sent to Jodie Overmyer at Marshall Co. SWCD. The field office report was presented to the board, reviewed & discussed. (Attached)
   b. **AG Days** – Marty Lappin mentioned that our display was too “busy”, make it simpler? Also suggested alternatives. Sam James thought we had a good turnout, maybe use a different display, give away seeds? John Dooms suggested we use kids to show the displays.
   c. **Landfill Inspection** – Sarah Longenecker talked to the new manager at Prairie View Landfill. They set the site visit date for May 17th. Sam James and Sarah will conduct the inspection.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. **Schedules/ Upcoming Events / Any Related Claims** –
   b. **Bank Information** – Kelly Dodd received information from 3 different banks. John Dooms suggested to put the information in a spreadsheet format and contact other banks.
   c. **GLRI Grant** – Sarah Longenecker and Deb Kneppe mentioned that there is a $300 – 500k grant available for urban ag and small farms. Discussion followed, Sam James made a motion to move forward, Marty Lappin 2nd the motion. Motion approved and carried.
   d. **Supervisors Meeting Schedule** – John Dooms suggested having the meeting Monday April 25th, at 9:00 a.m.
   e. **Committee Sign Up** – John Dooms mentioned that it needs to be updated.
   f. **Yellow River 319 Grant** – Sarah Longenecker gave a brief report on the first steering committee meeting (attached).
g. **Forestry Field Days** – Deb Knepp informed the board that Elkhart Co. SWCD contacted us to see if we would like to partner with them on a forestry field day this fall at the ACCEL Farm. Sam James made a motion to move forward, Marty Lappin 2nd the motion. Motion carried

VII. PRIVILEGE OF FLOOR – Sandra talked about other grants and the SWCD Regional Meeting in August.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT – Sam James motioned to adjourn the meeting, Marty 2nd it. Meeting Adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
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