

KNOX COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
604 S. Quail Run Road, Vincennes, IN 47591
Wednesday April 16th, 2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Present

Gene Flaningam – Chairman
Nathan Debord – Vice-Chairman
Shawn McDowell – Treasurer
Jim Farris - Supervisor
Ray Chattin - Associate
Clevie Bennett - Associate

Tracey Johnson – Administrative Assistant
Christopher Nettles – Watershed Specialist
Gavin Benock – District Technician
Ben – Burke – Resource Specialist
Hillary Dreiman – Soil Health Specialist
Emma Thrasher – Acting District Conservationist
Nathan Stoelting - DSS

Absent:

Andy Miller - Supervisor
Rich Chattin – Associate
Shalyn Sargeant – Program Manager

Meeting called to order

The April 16th, 2025, meeting was called to order at 7:30 am by Chairman Gene Flaningam.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Nathan Debord made a motion to approve. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

FSA Update – Katerina Miller FFA CED let the Board know that they have elections coming up for County Committee. They are looking for someone from the following Townships: Vincennes, Decker, Johnson and Palmyra. She also told the Board that she does not know about what is going on with CRP.

River Friendly Farmer – Tracey let the Board know that the River Friendly Farmer award is due by June 6th. After a discussion Jim Farris made a motion to give the award to Guy Debord & Sons Farm. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Budget Expense – Troy Hinkle passed a copy of the expense budget for 2025. After a discussion Shawn McDowell make a motion to accept the budget. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Raises – Nathan Debord made a motion to give Ben Burke and Christopher Nettles a raise, Ben will go from \$27.30/hr to 28.95/hr and Christopher will go from \$29.32/hr to \$30.97/hr. Jim Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

DSS Nathan Stoelting– Nathan stated that all the AFR's in the state except for one has been done on time. He also talked about the Summer Summits that will be taking place starting next year. He also told the Board that we need to get the Conflict of Interest signed. This will be done at the May meeting.

Acting DC Emma Thrasher – Emma introduced herself to the Board. She told the Board that there are 4 EQIP contracts that got funded and she has 2 CSP contracts.

Interns – Ben Burke told the Board that he has interviewed 2 interns and another one today.

Claims

Jim Farris made a motion to approve all claims as written. Nathan Debord seconded motion. Motion carried. Walmart \$89.38 (April Credit Bill), Marathon \$365.89 (April Credit Bill), VISA \$3,251.17 (April Credit Bill), Shalyn Sargeant \$204.35 (Mileage), Tracey Johnson \$162.81 (Mileage), Haven Solution\$ 1103.13 (Promo Items), Putnam Co. SWCD \$1,657.50 (CRP Work).

Adjourn: Jim Farris made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 am. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 21st, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.

Approved by:


Nathan Debord, Shalyn Sargeant, Tracey Johnson, Jim Farris