

KNOX COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
604 S. Quail Run Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Wednesday June 18th, 2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**Present**

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

Tracey Johnson – Administrative Assistant  
Christopher Nettles – Watershed Specialist  
Gavin Benock – District Technician  
Ben – Burke – Resource Specialist  
Hillary Dreiman – Soil Health Specialist  
Shalyn Sargeant – Program Manager  
Nathan Stoelting – DSS  
Denise Eagle - CISMA

**Absent:**

Rich Chattin - Associate

**Meeting called to order**

The June 18th, 2025, meeting was called to order at 7:20 am by Chairman Gene Flaningam.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

Andy Miller made a motion to approve. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Friend of Conservation** – After a long discussion Nathan Debord made a motion to select Jim Wyant as the Friend of Conservation. Andy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Conservation Farmer of the Year** – After a discussion Jim Farris made a motion to select Doug & Joe Hagemeier as the Conservation Farmer of the Year. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CWI Grant Proposal** – Troy told the Board that he plans to submit a Clean Water Indiana grant application focused on the CISMA and controlling invasives. They would like to get funding for a part-time Executive Director for the CISMA who will manage and expand their activities and programs. We will also ask for money to go towards purchasing or leasing a skid steer and mulching head that we can use on public and private property. This will be an expensive project and we will need other partners to contribute, so we will ask the County Council and the Parks Department to put some money on the table.

**Equipment for Watermelon Fields** – Troy asked the Board for approval to purchase 6 Soil Health Meters. Jim Farris made a motion to approve up to \$3,000.00 to purchase the meters. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**CD Purchase** – Shalyn told the Board that the CD expired yesterday. Jim Farris made a motion to close the current CD and to purchase a 7-month CD at 4.1% for \$100,000.00.

**Comments**

Shalyn told the Board that she and Christopher Nettles wants to have a booth at the fair and need to purchase ink pens for giveaways.

### Claims

Andy Miller made a motion to approve all claims as written. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried. WalMart \$110.79 (June Credit Bill), Marathon \$299.46 (June Credit Bill), Visa \$158.94 (June Credit Bill), Midwest Spray Team & Sales LLC \$1,431.88 (Invasives Supplies), Knox Co Farm Fair Inc \$225.00 (Fair Booth), Vincennes University \$1,000.00 (STEM Academy), German American Bank \$100,000.00 (New CD).

**Adjourn:** Shawn McDowell made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 am. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday July 16th, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.

Approved by:

The block contains four handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'Dennis Blazynski', the second is 'Joe', the third is 'Shawn B. McDowell', and the fourth is 'Nathan Debord'. Each signature is written over a horizontal line.