

KNOX COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
604 S. Quail Run Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Wednesday March 19th, 2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

**Present**

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

Tracey Johnson – Administrative Assistant  
Shalyn Sargeant – Program Manager  
Christopher Nettles – Watershed Specialist  
Gavin Benock – District Technician  
Ben – Burke – Resource Specialist  
Hillary Dreiman – Soil Health Specialist  
Emma Thrasher – Acting District Conservationist

**Absent:**

Ray Chattin – Associate  
Rich Chattin - Associate

**Meeting called to order**

The March 19th, 2025, meeting was called to order at 7:00 am by Chairman Gene Flaningam.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Swearing in of Supervisor** – Nathan Debord swore in Shawn McDowell as Supervisor.

**Board Reorganization** – Jim Farris made a motion to keep the Board the same except naming Shawn McDowell as Treasurer. Andy Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried. The Board is as follows:

Gene Flaningam - Chairman  
Nathan Debord – Vice-Chairman  
Shawn McDowell - Treasurer

**Annual Meeting Recap** – A lot of good comments on Dawn Slack's presentation. Troy told the Board that he talked to Rich Chattin and he stated that the County Council were very impressed with Dawn's presentation. Some of the comments on the food was that it was so-so.

**CRP Signatory Delegation** – Jim Farris made a motion to give Tracey Johnson signature authority to sign for Gene Flaningam on the CRP contracts for the district. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Field Day Recap** – The Winter Field Day was held on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Hillary stated that they had a very good turnout. Some of the things that she heard was that the speaker was a little dry. But, the food was really good.

**Grazing Conference**– Tracey asked the Board for approval for her, Shalyn and Hillary to attend the Grazing Conference on March 26<sup>th</sup>, the cost is \$35.00 per person. Nathan Debord made a motion to approve. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**SWAG** – Shalyn told the Board that we need to order more giveaways. She gave them quotes on sunglasses, 100 at \$1.25 each, 250 for \$1.19, 500 for \$1.14 each. She also had some other stuff, but waiting on quotes.

Shawn McDowell made a motion to appropriate \$1,000.00 to purchase giveaways. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Projector** – Gene Flaningam asked the Board about purchasing a new projector to use for our meetings. Troy Hinkle had a quote for one projector for \$2,595.00. Andy Miller made a motion to appropriate \$3,000.00 for a new projector. Troy to do more research for projectors. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Claims**

Nathan Debord made a motion to approve all claims as written. Andy Miller seconded motion. Motion carried.

Walmart \$10.12 (March Credit Bill), Marathon \$187.92 (March Credit Bill), Carlas Catering \$915.00 (Breakfast Catering), IASWCD \$5,500.00 (Gold Level Dues), Tracey Johnson \$176.21 (Mileage), Daviess Co. SWCD \$105.00 (3 Grazing Conference ), Vanderburgh Co SWCD \$2,047.50 (CRP Work), Pike Co, SWCD \$7,020.00 (CRP work), Johnson Co. SWCD \$3,022.50 (CRP work), Warrick Co. SWCD \$14,711.25 (CRP Work), Posey Co. SWCD \$780.00 (CRP Work), Gibson Co. SWCD \$4,387.50 (CRP Work), Jeff Coats \$9,945.00 (CRP Work), Spencer Co. SWCD \$3,705.00 (CRP Work), Daviess Co. SWCD \$1,286.25 (CRP Work), Paul Pendergast \$11,017.50 (CRP Work), Parke Co. SWCD \$2,827.50 (CRP Work), Sullivan Co. SWCD \$487.50 (CRP Work), Dubois Co. SWCD \$5,557.50 (CRP Work), Newton Co. SWCD \$11,505.00 (CRP Work), St. Joseph Co. SWCD \$10,920.00 (CRP Work), Sarah Longnecker \$4,095.00 (CRP Work), Putnam Co. SWCD \$31,297.50 (CRP Work).

**Adjourn:** Jim Farris made a motion to adjourn at 7:45 am. Shawn McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

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

Approved by:

  
