

KNOX COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
604 S. Quail Run Road, Vincennes, IN 47591  
Wednesday May 21st, 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  
Rich Chattin - 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  
Colson Doyle - ISDA

**Absent:**

Clevie Bennett - Associate

**Meeting called to order**

The May 21st, 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.

**FSA Update** – Katrina Miller, CED and Carrie Ellerman gave the Board an update on the CRP program. Carrie told the Board that CRP opened up on May 12<sup>th</sup> and will end on July 31<sup>st</sup>. There is a batch process they have to go thru, so she will need everything signed by June 6<sup>th</sup>. She also stated that all the rental rates have went down. Katrina stated that there is only 1.8 million acres available across the nation.

**Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement** – Troy Hinkle gave the 5 Supervisors the form to sign and explained it to them.

**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.

**Acting DC Emma Thrasher** – Emma told the Board that there was only 1 CSP contract that was funded.

**Comments:**

Shalyn told the board that Valerie Clingerman from the Extension Office contacted her about advertising in their newsletter. The cost will be \$175.00 for 2 publications. Jim Farris made a motion to approve. Nathan Debord seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Troy informed the Board that the State Soil Board needs two seats filled. If anyone is interested or they know someone that would be interested to please let him know. He also told them that he and Christopher are going after a 319 grant for Indian Creek Watershed, and also a CWI grant for invasives.

Hillary let everyone know that Aubree Pond of Pheasants forever is wanting the SWCD to partner with them in a Field Soil Health Day at Ray McCormick's sometime in July. She is asking if we can pay for the lunc?. Hillary also talked with the Board about having a long term soil health spots. Hillary is also working on getting a Women for Land meeting set up/

**Claims**

Andy Miller made a motion to approve all claims as written. Jim Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Marathon \$387.90 (May Credit Bill), Visa \$1,883.05 (May Credit Bill), Crop Tech \$33.00 (Seed for display boxe), Tracey Johnon \$184.92 (Milage on 5/5/25), Purdue Extension \$175.00 (Ad).

**Adjourn:** Andy Miller made a motion to adjourn at 8:04 am. Jim Farris seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 18th, 2025, at 7:00 a.m.

Approved by:

