

# **Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District**

## **Board Minutes**

Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil and Water Conservation District was held at the USDA conference room. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:13AM.

### **Board Members**

Brad Ponsler

Matt Branham

Kevin Morin

### **Associate Board Members**

Jimmi Berkey

### **Staff**

Becca McClellan

Deanna Jackson

### **Partners**

Jennifer Kipper

## **Reading of the Minutes**

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the March 2024 minutes as submitted, with a second by Kevin Morin. All were in favor.

## **Financial Report**

Kevin Morin made a motion to accept the financial report as submitted, with a second by Matt Branham. All were in favor. The Balance Sheet & P&L submitted has been signed off on by all board members.

## **Correspondence**

**Wolf Creative Service:** -Received statement for \$300.00 for the Annual fee for website maintenance. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the statement, with a second by Kevin Morin. All were in favor.

## Ongoing/Old Business

***SICIM Invasives Species Conference:*** -Becca informed the board the of the upcoming annual SICIM Invasive Species Conference is in June at Brown County. The cost for the conference is \$45.00. Becca & Deanna will both be attending. Matt Branham made a motion to approve registration for the conference, with a second by Kevin Morin. All were in favor.

***319 Watershed Grant:*** -Solicitation information for FFY 2025 Section 319 grant funds are now available. A Notice of Intent (NOI) needs to be emailed by June 3, 2024. the NOI is a formal notification of the intent to submit an application and provides a brief description of the project. Becca presented a draft of the letter. Kevin Morin Made a motion to submit an NOI letter to IDEM for possibly applying for a second 319 grant with a second by Matt Branham. All were in favor.

***Community Garden Workshop:*** -Becca gave an update on the Grass to Garden Workshop that was held at the Muscatatuck County Park. 13 people were in attendance for the first session of this five series workshop. Raised beds were build and vegetables were planted. Advertising methods were discussed and the best ways to reach people, one suggestion was through the Historical Society, Facebook and posting signage at both park entrance locations.

## New Business

***Pathway:*** -Becca informed the Board that the May 9th group workday was cancelled, however, Becca and Deanna would still be out at the Conservation Building that day working and anyone was welcomed to join. Becca also stated that the fishtank items had been purchased.

***Fair Booth:*** -Becca asked the board if we could have a give-a-way during invasives night (i.e. trees or a book, something along those lines). The Board suggested talking logistics with Dawn Slack and then coming back to the Board for approval. Possible idea was to purchase trees or saplings from Vallonia Nursery.

***Civil Rights/Partnership MOU:*** -Jennifer led the annual review of Civil Rights responsibilities and expectations. The Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist was reviewed and Brad's signature was obtained on that to send in the Affirmation of Review.

## Progress Reports

***Becca McClellan*** -SWCD

Written Report

***Deanna Jackson*** -SWCD

Written Report

***Jennifer Kipper*** -NRCS District Conservationist

Written Report

## Claims

Deanna Jackson prepared a packet including a financial report and March's board meeting minutes for the board members to review and sign.

## Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Matt Branham, with a second from Kevin Morin at 7:15 AM. All were in favor.

Minutes taken by: Deanna Jackson

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Chairman -Brad Ponsler

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Vice Chairman -Dan Megel

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Member -Matt Branham

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Member -Kevin Morin

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Member -Kameron Garlitch