

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
February 24, 2026
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center Conference Room. Brad Ponsler called the meeting to order at 6:33AM.

Board Members:

Brad Ponsler
Alex Helms (Absent)
Matt Branham
Kevin Morin
Kameron Garlitch

Staff:

Becca McClellan
Maddie Suhre
Andy Ertel

Associates:

Jimmi Berkey

Partners:

Clint Harrison

Reading of the Minutes:

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the January 2026 Minutes as written, with a second by Kameron Garlitch. All in favor.

Annual Meeting Minutes:

Kameron Garlitch made a motion to accept the Annual Meeting Minutes as written, with a second by Matt Branham. All in favor.

Financial Report:

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the Financial Report as written, with a second by Kameron Garlitch. All in favor.

Correspondence:

HHH RC&D (Historic Hoosier Hills RC&D)- Matt Branham made a motion to not renew our membership this year, with a second from Kameron Garlitch. All in favor.

Newspaper Renewal- Kevin Morin made a motion to renew the newspaper subscription, with a second from Matt Branham. All in favor.

Ongoing/Old Business:

Annual Meeting Recap- Everyone provided feedback, and felt the meeting was a success.

New Business:

Election of Officers- Kameron Garlitch nominated Brad Ponsler as Board Chairman, with a second by Kevin Morin. Brad accepted the nomination. All in favor. Kameron Garlitch nominated Matt Branham as Vice Chairman, with a second from Kevin Morin. Matt accepted the nomination. All in favor. Matt Branham made a motion to keep Maddie Suhre as fiscal officer and Becca McClellan as back-up, with a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor.

Per Diem- Kameron Garlitch made a motion to not take a per diem, and with a second by Matt Branham. All in favor.

Conflict of Interest Forms- Conflict of Interest Forms were filled out and returned by those present.

Office Budget- Becca presented to the board that for the Educator Luncheon budget is \$500.00. Fair giveaways budget is \$500.00. Promotional Items budget is \$1000.00. Including district apparel for the staff and supervisors/associates. Becca also requested that her apparel budget of \$200.00 be raised to \$400.00 this year due older apparel being worn out. Kameron Garlitch made a motion to approve the office budget and Becca's increased apparel, with a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor.

Preventing Workplace & Sexual Harassment Training- The Board was sent an email with the Preventing Workplace & Sexual Harassment Training video last week to review before the meeting. Board members acknowledge watching and signed a form for verification purposes.

Staff/Partner Reports:

Clint Harrison- NRCS

Verbal Report

Becca McClellan- SWCD

Written Report

Madelyn Suhre- SWCD

Written Report

District Policies: 2026 Policies were reviewed and signed.

Claims: Maddie prepared a packet including a Financial Report and Board Meeting Minutes needing reviewed and signed by the Board Members.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:26AM.

Minutes taken by: Madelyn Suhre



Brad Ponster, Chairman



Matt Branham, Vice Chairman



Kevin Morin, Member



Kameron Garlitch, Member



Alex Helms, Member