

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
September 23, 2025
Board Minutes

The regular meeting of the Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Service Center Conference Room. Matt Branham called the meeting to order at 6:30AM.

Board Members:

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

Staff:

Becca McClellan
Maddie Suhre
Andy Ertel

Associates:

Jimmi Berkey

Partners:

Matt Jarvis (NRCS)

Reading of the Minutes:

Alex Helms made a motion to accept the August 2025 Minutes as written, with a second by Kameron Garlitch. All in favor.

Financial Report:

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

Correspondence:

Decatur Co REMC- The District received funding from the Decatur County REMC Operation Round-Up Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00. The funding will be used to purchase a Watershed Enviroscape Model.

Indiana Woodland Steward- Alex Helms made a motion to sponsor \$250.00 that will be put towards the cost of the Indiana Woodland Steward newsletters that are mailed to Jennings County residents, with a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor.

Ongoing/Old Business:

CWI Grant Update- We currently have three HUAP practices that have been applied for, if those get completed, we will have met our HUAP goal for the grant. We have also had several landowners apply for cover crop funding. We still have lots of funding left over, continue to spread the word. Ripley County has almost all of their funding allocated.

Watershed Update- There is still \$37,000.00 left in grant funding for this round. Andy and Heather have submitted the grant for round two. The Fall River Sweep is on Saturday, October 4th from 8am-12pm, they will be meeting at the Vernon Commons.

Photo Frames- The office has received all the photo frames that were in stock, the remaining ones needed to complete the photo will need to be reordered.

Printer- At the Commissioner's Meeting on September 18th Becca asked for funding to purchase a new printer, the Commissioners approved the purchase and the funding will be taken from the County GO Bond. The new printer has been ordered.

Waters Ag Lab Tour Recap- Becca and Maddie attended the Waters Lab Ag Tour on September 8th in Owensboro, Kentucky. It was very informative, and time well spent.

Geotextile Fabric- The office will be needing to place an order for four rolls of geotextile fabric; we have a landowner who wants to purchase two full rolls.

New Business:

Ideas for 2026 Annual Meeting- The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held at the Jennings County Fairgrounds on February 21st, 2026. Becca will reserve the Community Building and research catering quotes. There will be continued discussion at the next board meeting.

Enviroscape Model- The Watershed Enviroscape Model has been ordered with the Operation Round Up grant funding.

New Employee Program- Maddie received an email from Kristin Miller, S-SE Region Director asking her to participate in a New Employee Program. After discussion, it was decided to wait another year before enrolling in this program.

There will be NO October Board Meeting. The next Board Meeting will be November 25th, 2025.

Staff/Partner Reports:

Matt Jarvis – Acting District Conservationist – NRCS
Written Report

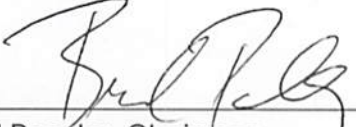
Becca McClellan- SWCD
Written Report

Madelyn Suhre- SWCD
Written Report

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 7:27am.

Minutes taken by: Madelyn Suhre



Brad Ponsler, Chairman



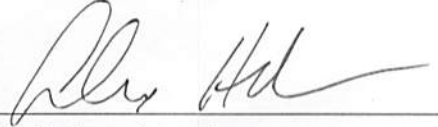
Matt Branham, Vice Chairman



Kevin Morin, Member



Kameron Garlitch, Member



Alex Helms, Member