

**WHITE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023

The regular monthly board meeting of the White County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 7:17 a.m., November 14, 2023, by Chairman Bryan Tomm in the conference room of the USDA building.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Bryan Tomm, Brandon Barbre, Mark Colbert, and Laura Whitsitt.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Kent Williams.

DISTRICT PERSONNEL: Jewel Brooks, Administrative Coordinator, and Heidi Uselton, Resource Conservationist.

NRCS PERSONNEL: Rhonda Cox, District Conservationist.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, to approve October 31, 2023, board meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve the Treasurer's Report for October. Motion carried.

SWCD STAFF REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Jewel Brooks, Administrative Coordinator, presented a report as attached. Mark Colbert made a motion, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, to approve the report and payment of the Streamline invoice; motion carried.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Heidi Uselton, Resource Conservationist, presented a report as attached. In addition, her evaluation is complete, and she does not plan to attend Winter Training. Laura Whitsitt made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Mark Colbert; motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Rhonda Cox, District Conservationist, presented an oral report on IRA-ACT NOW, NRCS program funding and staffing increases. Section 1619 Compliance document was reviewed/signed by Chairman Tomm.

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS / TRAVEL REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve employee timesheets and Expense Reimbursement for Jewel Brooks. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- IDOA-BLWR October-November Report by Debbie Gray was distributed.
- Agenda and information for the IDOA 2024 Conservation Cropping Seminar was provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NRCS Administrative and CRP invoices are still pending completion of DC review.
- TNC Grant 4947-0006 – An update of work completed by SWCD staff on the Lower Wabash WREP was provided.

NEW BUSINESS:

- IDOA FY 2024 Grant Agreement was reviewed/discussed. Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Mark Colbert to approve; motion carried.
- PFC-CPP claim for payment on Jerry Garrett reviewed. Motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve payment. Motion carried.
- Date of February 22, 2024, will be considered for Annual Meeting. Directors Bryan Tomm, Brandon Barbre, and Kent Williams will be up for re-election.
- Motion was made by Brandon Barbre at 7:52, seconded by Mark Colbert, to enter Executive Session to discuss staff. Motion was made by Laura Whitsitt, seconded by Mark Colbert, at 9:03 to exit Executive Session; motions carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be held on December 5, 2023, at 7:15 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.