



**FLOYD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 2, 2026 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Present: The Board

Tom King
Ron Wathen
Cara Bezuska

Absent:

Laura Lewis
Matt Payne

Office Staff:

Angel Jackson, Director / Educator

Guests:

Drew McCutchan / NRCS
Morgan Apple / RCPP
Eliza Hudson / RCPP
Cole Flatt / R.I.T.A.

Vice-Chairman, Ron Wathen, called the regular meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. in the Commissioner's meeting room.

Tom King motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Cara Bezuska seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes approved.

The Fiscal Officer's report was given: Savings Account: General Savings - \$17,238.78. Checking Account: General Checking - \$85,293.83

Tom King motioned to approve the financial report. Cara Bezuska seconded the motion. All were in favor and the financial report approved.

Guest reports started with Morgan sharing an updated flyer for the CWI Habitat Improvements for Maintaining Soil Health and Water Quality grant. The new flyer highlights practices that can be implemented on smaller urban lots that are a minimum of a 1/10th acre. Drew provided the board with his NRCS programs update, shared the DC talking points and advised that NRCS has a new mission / motto / vision of Farmer-first agenda and protecting ag. land. Drew shared an article on the importance of small woodlots for migratory birds. Eliza shared the RCPP notice of funding announcement and that the application due date was late August. Cole informed the board he had been busy with some water quality testing after taking the Hoosier River Watch training. He also shared that he has attended training for NRCS specifications as well as helping at various 4-H county fairs.

Under Old Business, the policy committee agreed to meet again on July 7 @ 3:00 in the district office to continue policy development. Also under Old Business, Angel advised she would be showing the "Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace" video following the conclusion of the board meeting for any members who need certification.

New Business started with the Senate Enrolled Act 230. Angel shared a copy of the presentation given by the state department of Agriculture highlighting the legislative impacts to Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Specifically, the new training requirements for ALL supervisors, improved transparency in annual financial reporting, and clarification on the role of associate supervisors.



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Angel shared the timeline and overview of the District Capacity Assessment convened by the state department of Agriculture's state soil board. There will be regional listening sessions offered for supervisors and site visits for office staff. The outcome of the assessments are not expected until 2027.

The Pathway to Water Quality exhibit site at the state fair will be holding a Weed Wrangle on July 8th from 9 -12 and are asking for volunteers.

Angel and Gina Anderson of Purdue Extension will be teaching a Watershed class at Origin Park on Aug. 29th 10 – 12. This class will be held at the new Vista pavilion within Origin Park.

The following motions were made during the meeting:

Tom King motioned to pay \$20 for Angel to attend the I.D.E.A. workshop "Healthy Balance" in August. Cara Bezuska 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Tom King motioned to pay \$150 for Angel to attend the I.D.E.A. fall conference in October. Cara Bezuska 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Cara Bezuska motioned to purchase (2) copies of "The Adventures of Wiggle Wormlets from Wiggler Switch" for \$24.99 each. Tom King 2nd the motion. All were in favor the motion approved.

Claims presented to the board: **Claims paid by District: -\$0. Claims sent directly to County for payment: - \$0. Claims paid by the District reimbursed by the County: -\$37.93 – Duplicator Sales & Service – Monthly copier usage. Grant: -\$0**

With no other business to discuss, the board moved to end the meeting.

Cara Bezuska made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tom King seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Respectfully,

Angel Jackson
Director / Educator

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