



**FLOYD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, March 5, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Present: The Board

Tom King
Ron Wathen
Cara Bezuska
Laura Lewis

Office Staff:

Angel Jackson, Director / Educator

Guests:

Drew McCutchan / NRCS
Eliza Hudson / NRCS
Jim Freiberger / County Council

Chairman, Tom King, called the regular meeting to order at 5:05 pm in the Commissioner's meeting room.

Ron Wathen motioned to approve the February meeting minutes. Laura Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes approved.

The Treasurer's report was given: Savings Account: General Savings - \$17,237.92. Checking Account: General Checking - \$86,057.25

Ron Wathen motioned to approve the financial report. Laura Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the financial report approved.

Guest reports started with Drew sharing highlights from NRCS programs, upcoming events, and information about Bio-swales. Eliza shared information about the RCPP Farmers Helping Hellbenders program wrapping up and new CWI funding coming. Changes include new practices being offered and all of Clark and Floyd being added to the program area. Laura Fribley's DSS report was shared with board members. Important reminders included completing the conservation transect, leadership development opportunities, and upcoming deadlines.

The only Old Business to discuss was Pollinator Day sponsorship. At a previous board meeting, members agreed to a sponsorship but did not make a motion.

Laura Lewis made a motion to sponsor Pollinator Day for \$200. Ron Wathen 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

New Business started with the board voting for officers.

Tom King made a motion to make Laura Lewis Chairman. Ron Wathen 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Tom King made a motion to make Ron Wathen Vice Chairman. Cara Bezuska 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.



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Cara Bezuska made a motion to make Angel Jackson the Treasurer. Laura Lewis 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

The board agreed to move the majority of the Savings account at PNC bank to Trust Indiana.

Ron Wathen motioned to move \$15,000 from PNC Savings to Trust Indiana. Cara Bezuska seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

The board discussed the need to have policies concerning topics such as clothing, meals, etc. It was agreed that Ron Wathen and Cara Bezuska would work with Angel as a Policy Committee to develop district policies.

The district's Annual Plan of Work will be reviewed and adopted at next month's board meeting. Angel advised the board she would be making the trip to Vallonia to pick up resident tree orders on March 20th. Angel asked the board about purchasing wildlife seed food plot.

Laura Lewis motioned to order 400 lbs. of wildlife seed food plot from Lewis Seed Company. Tom King 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Andry's Fish Farm offered dates to the district for a Spring Fish Sale. The board agreed to do a fish sale with delivery of orders on May 7th. Angel will send a press release and do social media posts announcing the sale.

Under Other New Business, the board made the following motions.

Laura Lewis motioned to pay \$3,956.41 in IASWCD dues. Cara Bezuska 2nd the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Ron Wathen motioned to pay \$250 per quarter to the CISMA Secretary. Cara Bezuska 2nd the motion. All were in favor and 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: -\$35.80 – Indiana Media Group – Annual meeting announcement, -\$77.45 – Angel Jackson – Reimburse annual meeting invitations (\$32.99) & postage (\$44.46), -\$89.00 – Byrne Trophies – Annual meeting awards, -\$15.99 – Amazon Capital Services – Checkbook binder, - \$38.69 – Duplicator Sales & Service – Monthly copier usage, -\$300.96 – Purdue CES Ed Fund – Annual meeting catering. Grant: -\$274.50 – Purdue CES Ed Fund – Annual meeting catering, - \$50.00 – IDEA – Membership dues for 2026.

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

Ron Wathen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Laura Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully,

Angel Jackson
Director / Educator

