

**Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**February 3, 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 8:02AM.

**Board Members:**

Brad Ponsler  
Alex Helms  
Matt Branham  
Kevin Morin  
Kameron Garlitch

**Staff:**

Becca McClellan  
Maddie Suhre  
Andy Ertel (Absent)

**Associates:**

Jimmi Berkey (Absent)

**Partners:**

**Reading of the Minutes:**

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

**Financial Report:**

Alex Helms made a motion to accept the Financial Reports as written, with a second by Matt Branham. All in favor.

**Correspondence:**

**Gonzalez Companies, LLC-** Gonzalez mailed an ACH form with a recent stormwater review check. After receiving the terms, the district will continue to receive payments via check.

**4-H Sponsorship-** Alex made a motion to pay \$300.00 using the pass-through account, with a second from Kameron. All were in favor.

**Ongoing/Old Business:**

**IDEA Dues-** 2026 dues are \$50.00 per person. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the dues with a second from Alex Helms. All were in favor.

**CWI Grant Update-** Becca updated the board that Ripley County has allocated all their funds for the CWI Grant, and Jennings County has \$12,178.62 remaining. Funding needs to be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2027.

**Watershed Update-** The watershed grant ends December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026, we still have funding available. In-kind match has been met, and we will continue to promote the spring and fall River Sweeps.

**Annual Meeting-** So far, we have not received very many RSVPs for the Annual Meeting, continue to reach out and invite people. We need a minimum of 50 people for catering. Marion's will need a number by February 17<sup>th</sup>. The board needs to arrive at the Community Building by 7:15AM on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Staff will set up Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in the morning, Becca will send more information next week.

**AFR Audit Team/End of Year Audit-** The AFR is completed and ready to be reviewed by the audit team, Kameron and Brad have volunteered to review the AFR and Audit 2025's financials.

**New Business:**

**RICOH Copier-** The old district copier still works well; no other offices are interested in using it. Matt will look at the copier and take care of getting rid of it.

**Educator Luncheon-** Alex Helms made a motion to approve an Educator Luncheon with a budget of \$300.00 and increase the educator stipend to \$75.00 a day, with a second by Kevin Morin. All were in favor.

**America the Beautiful Grant-** The office will be receiving a cost-share payment from SICIM in the amount of \$22,425.00 once received we will cut a check for the landowner. We have another landowner signing up this week and all the acreage will be allocated for this grant.

**Invasives Workshop-** WWIP will be hosting an Invasive Workshop on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This will be held at the Jennings County Public Library from 10:00AM-3:30PM. Shannon Winks has applied for CCH with the OISC. Our speakers are Dawn Slack, Shannon Winks, and Matt Kraushar.

**Staff/Partner Reports:**

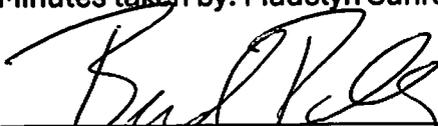
Becca McClellan- SWCD  
Written Report

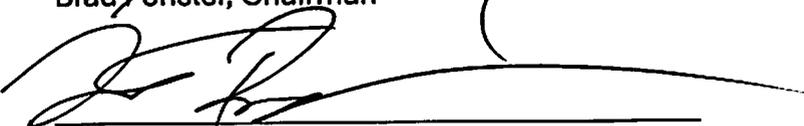
Madelyn Suhre- SWCD  
Written Report

**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 9:10AM.

Minutes taken by: Madelyn Suhre

  
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Brad Ponsler, Chairman

  
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Matt Branham, Vice Chairman

*K. Morin*

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Kevin Morin, Member

*Kameron Garlitch*

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Kameron Garlitch, Member

*Alex Helms*

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Alex Helms, Member