

Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District
March 17, 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 6:35AM.

Board Members:

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

Staff:

Becca McClellan
Maddie Suhre
Andy Ertel (Absent)

Associates:

Jimmi Berkey

Partners:

Clint Harrison

Reading of the Minutes:

Matt Branham made a motion to accept the February 2026 Minutes as written, with a second by Alex Helms. All in favor.

Financial Report:

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

Correspondence:

IASWCD 2026 Annual Dues- The 2026 Annual Dues are \$3,788.18. Matt Branham made a motion to pay the annual dues, with a second from Alex Helms. All in favor.

Newspaper Invoice 2nd Annual Meeting Notice- Kevin Morin made a motion to pay the invoice from the Plain Dealer & Sun of a total of \$11.55 for the 2nd annual meeting notice in the paper, with a second from Matt Branham. All in favor.

Ongoing/Old Business:

America the Beautiful Grant- This District will be receiving a \$5,000.00 payment for being an administrator for the America the Beautiful Grant.

Invasive Species Workshop Recap- There was a workshop held at the Jennings County Public Library on March 11th for the Take Control: Invasive Plant ID & Management Workshop. There were 39 people in attendance, several were there to receive CCH.

IRS Update: Becca is continuing to work with Erin Houchin's office on correcting issues from 2022, it's been a slow process.

New Business:

Transect- The transect will be scheduled after March 19th.

Watershed Project Interest- Becca received an email from Kathleen Hagan (IDEM) asking if the District would be interested in Graham Creek or Otter Creek Watersheds that are being considered for the 2027-2028 TMDL project. The board agreed that they are interested in the above watersheds.

Staff/Partner Reports:

Clint Harrison- NRCS

Verbal Report

Becca McClellan- SWCD

Written Report

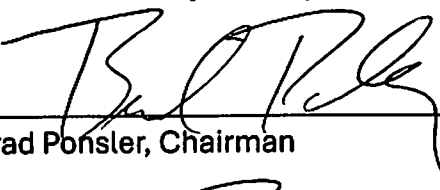
Madelyn Suhre- SWCD

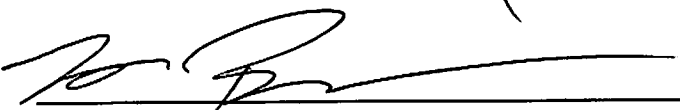
Written Report

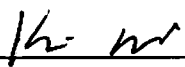
Claims: Maddie prepared a packet including a Financial Report and Board Meeting Minutes needing reviewed and signed by the Board Members.

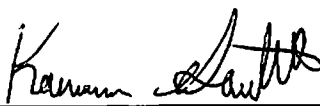
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:29AM.

Minutes taken by: Madelyn Suhre



Brad Ponsler, Chairman

Matt Branham, Vice Chairman

Kevin Morin, Member

Kameron Garlitch, Member

Alex Helms, Member