

# Jennings County Soil & Water Conservation District

November 25, 2025

## Board Meeting 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 6:30AM.

### **Board Members:**

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

### **Staff:**

Becca McClellan  
Andy Ertel

### **Associates:**

Jimmi Berkey

### **Partners:**

Matt Jarvis (NRCS)  
Will Yoder (RITA)

### **Reading of the Minutes:**

Alex Helms made a motion to accept the September 2025 Board Meeting Minutes as written, with a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor.

### **Financial Report:**

Kevin Morin made a motion to accept the Financial Report as written, with a second by Alex Helms. All in favor. Kevin Morin made a motion to move money from the Money Market account to the Business Checking account to make the balance \$30,000.00, with a second by Alex Helms. All in favor.

### **Correspondence:**

**NACD Dues-** Alex Helms made a motion to pay \$250.00 for the NACD Dues, as we have done in the past, with a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor.

### **Ongoing/Old Business:**

**CWI Grant Update-** The Board approved cost-share reimbursement payments of the completed practices. Jennings County currently has \$12,178.62 left in available cost-share funding and our share of the in-kind match has been met. Please, continue to spread the word about this cost-share grant, this grant ends in December 2027 or until funding runs out whichever comes first.

**Watershed Update-** The second round of grant funding was not approved by IDEM (see attached letter). The Steering Committee will be meeting in December to discuss the remaining funding; there is still \$37,000.00 left.

**Annual Meeting-** The Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, February 21, 2026, at the Jennings County Community Building, Becca has reserved the building and filled out the necessary paperwork and returned that to the Auditor's Office. The meeting will be from 8:00AM – 10:00AM. The Board reviewed catering quotes from The Pines and Marion's – Alex Helms made a motion to book the catering through Marion's, with a second by Kevin Morin. All in favor. The 2025 Annual Report was reviewed, and Kevin Morin made a motion to have the report printed and mailed through CDS Printing, with a second by Alex Helms. All in favor. Kevin Morin made a motion to sell Annual Meeting tickets for \$10.00 per ticket, with a second by Alex Helms. All in favor.

**New Business:**

**Weed Wrangle Recap-** The Winding Water Invasive Partnership (WWIP) held a Weed Wrangle at SEPAC on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The team targeted Autumn Olive and Oriental Bittersweet and was able to cut down and chemically treat a multitude of them on the location. This event was very successful.

**Delegate & Alternate Delegate IASWCD Business Meeting-** The IASWCD Business Meeting is scheduled for Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, all delegates and alternate delegates must be registered by December 9<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be held at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis; Brad has registered to be our delegate.

**2025 Mileage Forms-** 2025 Mileage forms need to be completed and turned into the office. Maddie will send out checks that need to be cashed before the end of the year.

**SBOA Training-** Maddie and Becca will be attending SBOA Training at the Indiana Farm Bureau Building in Indianapolis on December 1<sup>st</sup> the office will be closed that day.

**There will be NO December Board Meeting. The next Board Meeting will be January 27, 2026.**

**Staff/Partner Reports:**

Matt Jarvis – Acting District Conservationist – NRCS  
Verbal Report

Will Yoder- RITA  
Verbal Report

Becca McClellan- SWCD  
Written Report

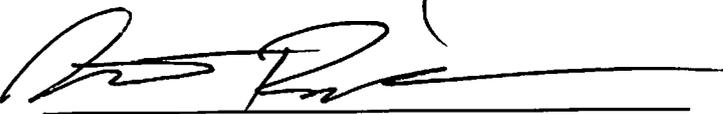
Madelyn Suhre- SWCD  
Written Report

**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 7:48AM

Minutes taken by: Becca McClellan

  
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Brad Ponsler, Chairman

  
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Matt Branham, Vice Chairman

*Kevin 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