

**Vigo County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monthly Board Meeting  
minutes**

**4/9/25 6:pm**

**Vigo County SWDC Conservation Center  
64 Gilbert Ave. Terre Haute IN.**

**Monthly Board Meeting  
Meeting Facilitator: Phil Carter**

**Call to order** Phil Carter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**Roll Call:** The following people were present:

Brendan Kearns

Phil Carter

Vicki Weger

Sam Lane

D.J. Snow

Laura Tohill

Ethan Wyrick

**Swearing in**

Vicki Weger officiated the "Swearing-in" of the new board members Sam Lane, and DJ Snow. The new members took the oath of office and signed the appropriate form.

**Approval of minutes and treasurer's report**

Phil Carter asked for a motion to approve minutes and treasurers report.

(members were emailed treasurers report and minutes before meeting)

Sam Lane made the motion to approve.

Ethan Wyrick seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

**Finance requests**

- Laura Tohill requested \$150 for entry fees for the State Envirothon for the 2 winning teams (Terre Haute North Vigo and Terre Haute South Vigo).

Phil Carter asked for a motion to pay \$150 for the Envirothon entry fees.

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve.

Sam Lane Seconded the motion.

All in Favor and the motion passed.

- Laura Tohill presented board with a sponsorship request from 4-H for the County Fair.

Phil Carter called for a motion.

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve the sponsorship amount of \$250

DJ Snow seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

- It was brought up after voting on the 4-H sponsorship that SWCD Director Brendan Kearns should be give the amount of \$1000 to be used at his discretion for sponsorships for programs that support youth in farming and conservation. (example 4-H fair)

Phil Carter asked for a motion

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve the \$1,000

DJ Snow seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

- The SWCD requested that the board grant them funds for a refrigerator and kitchen supplies for the SWCD Conservation Center in the amount of \$500

Phil Carter asked for a motion to approve the \$500 for the refrigerator.

Sam Lane made a motion to approve.

DJ Snow seconded the motion.

All in Favor and the motion passed.

### **Other Finance**

The Board discussed that there is no longer a requirement by the state or the DLGF to have 2 signatures on a check.

Phil carter called for a vote on requiring only 1 signature for checks made out by the SWCD.

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve.

Same Lane Seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

Brendan Kearns informed the board that he would be sending an invoice to Clay County for the agreed upon amount \$1000 for CWI grant fund overages.

Brendan Kearns informed the board that the \$20,000 from the state for SWCD funding should be deposited this month. Also the \$25,000 reimbursement from the CWI Grant

### **Audit Payment**

Brendan Kearns reported that he contacted SBOA about the possibility of reducing the \$6,757.76 cost of the audit. The SBOA replied that payment for the audit must be received in full but that it could be paid in installments three years interest free.

Phil Carter called for a motion.

Ethan Wyrick made a motion in favor of paying in installments.

Sam Lane seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

### **New Business**

#### **Internet Information Corrections**

Ethan Wyrick asked if the online information for SWCD be updated now that the phones were connected.

Brendan Kearns said that he would speak to Vigo County IT this week about the corrections.

### **Rewilding Project**

Brendan Kearns presented a native grasses rewilding project to the board, the cost of the project would be approximately \$200.

Phil Carter asked for a motion.

Sam Lane made a motion to approve the \$200 for the rewilding project.

Ethan Wyrick seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

### **Tool Share Program**

Brendan Kearns asked for the board's approval to do an invasive removal/tool share program using the tools from Tree's Inc. that would cost SWCD nothing. SWCD would house the tools and oversee the sharing of the tools with property owners and organizations interested in removing invasive plants.

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve the share program.

DJ Snow seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

### **Soil Testing**

Brendan Kearns asked that the \$1,850 earned by SWCD the CARP soil testing (through Urban Soil Health or USH) be used for urban soil testing in urban areas within Vigo County.

Phil Carter asked for a motion to approve the \$1,850 Be approved

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve.

DJ Snow seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

There was some discussion amongst the board and those present in the furthering the soil testing by also testing for lead and plant tissue contaminants.

Brendan Kearns said that he will look into the pricing or perhaps partnering with the Vigo Co. Health Department about testing for lead and report back.

### **GPR**

The benefits of SWCD purchasing a "Ground Penetrating Radar" was discussed by the board. Brendan was confident he would be able to Purchase one for around \$12,000

Phil Carter asked for a motion

Ethan Wyrick made a motion to approve SWCD spending \$12,000 on the GPR once the state funding was received.

Sam Lane seconded the motion.

All in favor and the motion passed.

### Upcoming training

Brendan Kearns and Rhonda Coombs will be attending more Ms4 Training. The cost for the training should be reimbursed to The SWCD by the County engineering department.

### Upcoming programs for April

- Terre Haute City Wide Clean Up
- Earth Day St. Mary's College
- Earth Day Gilbert Park
- Earth Day Vigo County Library

### Adjournment

Phil Carter called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

D.J. Snow made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Sam Lane seconded the motion

All in favor and the motion passed.

Phil Carter adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm

X

Phillip Carter

Chairman

X

DJ Snow

Vice Chair

X

Ethan Wylick

Treasurer

X

Sam Lane

Secretary

X

Clint Wyley

Member