



**FLOYD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 7, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.**

Present: The Board

Tom King
Ron Wathen
Cara Bezuska

Absent:

Laura Lewis
Matt Payne

Office Staff:

Angel Jackson, Director / Educator

Guests:

Drew McCutchan / NRCS
Morgan Apple / RCPP
Cole Flatt / R.I.T.A
Alisa Perkins / Assoc. Supervisor
Anola Bezuska

Vice-Chairman, Ron Wathen, called the regular meeting to order at 4:41 pm in the Commissioner's meeting room.

Tom King motioned to approve the April meeting minutes. Cara Bezuska seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes approved.

The Fiscal Officer's report was given: Savings Account: General Savings - \$17,238.35. Checking Account: General Checking - \$88,976.11

Tom King motioned to approve the financial report. Cara Bezuska seconded the motion. All were in favor and the financial report approved.

Guest reports started with Drew sharing his NRCS update for Floyd County. Highlights included 3 resident applications being funded through the EQIP program. Drew also shared copies of E.O. Wilson's "The Little Things That Run the World (The Importance and Conservation of Invertebrates)" and reminded the board for the need to hold a Local Work Group ranking meeting before October. Morgan Apple introduced herself as the new coordinator for the Farmers Helping Hellbenders project. She will be working with Eliza Hudson and may be housed in the Floyd Co. Purdue Extension office. Cole reported that he helped with the district Fish Sale and has been working on a digital newsletter.

Under Old Business, the board discussed the turnout for Pollinator Day and what a great event it was. Angel shared the total number of visitors this year to Pollinator Day exceeded 2,300.

New Business started with tabling the board picture as not all members were present.

The Annual Plan of Work was not adopted at this meeting as not all members were present.



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The Policy Committee met for the first time April 14th to review example policies from other districts across the state. Alisa, Angel, Ron, and Tom attended that first meeting. The Committee will consist of Ron, Cara, Alisa, and Angel and the next meeting will take place May 12th, 4:30 at the Fall City Brewing company.

Angel shared that materials for the bat house building workshop had been purchased and preparations were nearly complete for the May 18th program. Signups had not started just yet but would be opened closer to the date.

The board agreed to move the start time of the June and July meetings to 9:00 a.m.

The Employee Evaluation of Angel was tabled until next month.

Under Other Business, Angel presented the claim from Purdue University for the district's contribution to the Farmers Helping Hellbenders project.

Tom King made a motion to pay \$2500 to Purdue University for the Farmers Helping Hellbender project. 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: - \$333.69** – Angel Jackson - Mileage. **Claims paid by the District reimbursed by the County: -\$38.69** – Duplicator Sales & Service – Monthly copier usage. **Grant: -\$250.00** – Sarah Engleman – CISMA Secretary Q1

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

Tom King made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cara Bezuska seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully,

Angel Jackson
Director / Educator

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