



Jasper County Soil and Water Conservation District

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July 15, 2025 – 3:00 PM CDT

Jasper County SWCD Education Building – Fairgrounds

Supervisors Present: Lana Zimmer, Jim Martin, Scott Bahler, Stuart Orr

Supervisors Absent: Mark Kingma

Staff: Cayci Lane

Partners present: None

1. Call to Order at 3:09 pm by Lana Zimmer, Chair.
2. Partner Agencies and Public Comment
 - a. NRCS – None
 - b. ISDA – None
 - c. RC&D – Jim Martin announced that the Arrowhead RC & D are needing volunteers for rafting adventure.
 - d. Purdue Extension – None
 - e. Kankakee River Basin & Yellow River Basin Development - None
 - f. Public Comments - none
3. Correspondence - none
4. Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - a. For July minutes, Stuart Orr made a motion to approve the minutes. Scott Bahler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Monthly reports were presented. Cayci Lane had prepared reports from June 1st through June 30th. Cayci will update the 'Drop Your Crop' date on the report from 2024 to 2025 and reflect the \$1,000 transfer from the general fund to Demotte State Bank. Jim Martin made a motion to approve and Scott Bahler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
6. Old Business - Current Grant/Deliverables Updates
 - a. LKWI Status – Lana reported that she had submitted Quarter 6 invoices to IDEM.
 - b. Weed Control Board – Jim reported that the SWCD got approval to reinstate the Weed Board. Appointed members include Jim Martin (SWCD), Scott Bahler (Agriculture), Sandra Putt (Township Trustee), Ed Cain (County Highway Department), and Summer Brinkman (Purdue Extension). Jim recommended that Cayci temporarily serves as secretary for the board, providing support for a few hours each week. Jim Martin made a motion to approve and Stuart Orr seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. ISDA – Courtney McFall has been helping during this staff transition time. Courtney will be helping with preparing for the fair and will be working as a conservation partner on 2 days of activities. She will attend Tuesday-Thursday from 4-8pm.
 - d. Fair planning – assist from Purdue Extension, ISDA, Jasper County Invasives Initiative on programming



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- i. Summer Brinkman is responsible for coordinating the Tuesday and Thursday evening events.
- ii. The schedule designates Tuesday as Kids' Night and Thursday as Adult Backyard Conservation Night.
- iii. Jim Martin made the motion to have a \$500 budget to be spent on Fair supplies. Scott Bahler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- e. Drop Your Crop event – timeline is TBD. Lana reached out to Mark Jordan the week prior, however, he was currently on vacation.

7. New Business

- a. 319 Implementation grant 2026 - Lana and Cayci met with Sara Peel, consultant, and Newton County SWCD staff. Sara is updating the original grant proposal to reflect the progress that has been made in the watershed during the first round of implementation.
- b. Purchase of Iroquois River Mailing List - Sara was able to obtain the mailing list for residents in the Iroquois River Watershed for \$650. Jim Martin made the motion to approve \$650 be allocated towards the Iroquois River Mailing List. Scott Bahler seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- c. Contract out social media & website – Cori Lane has agreed to manage the SWCD's social media and website at a rate of \$30 per hour. Scott Bahler recommended setting a temporary cap of 50 hours. Scott Bahler made the motion to approve. Jim Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- d. Other - Jim Martin recommended that the SWCD hire a cleaning service to prepare the bathrooms in the SWCD Education Center for use during the fair.

8. Staff Update

- a. Update on Watershed Specialist Position – Two interviews are scheduled: one at 11am on July 16th and another at 9am on July 17th.
- b. Cayci and Courtney participated in Earth Night in Newton County, an educational event that drew over 500 attendees.



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Stuart Orr made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Bahler. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM CST.

Lana Zimmer
Scott Bahler
Stuart Orr

Jim Martin
Mark Kiser

Respectfully Submitted: Cayci Lane

Next Meeting August 19, 2025