

Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes
December 15th, 2025

The Vermillion County SWCD Board of Supervisors met on December 15th, 2025 at the Vermillion County SWCD Board Room. The following supervisors were present: Josh Bishop, Connie Warner, Darrell Morgan

Absent: Lee Ann Larrance, David Bishop

Staff members present: Eric Shideler, Chris Booe, Steven McGhee

Guests: None

Call to order

Connie Warner, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. Darrell moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Josh seconded. motion passed.

Accounts Payable Register and Treasurer's Report

A printed financial report was provided by Eric. Josh moved to accept the financial report and all outstanding claims subject to audit. Darrell seconded. motion passed.

A claims report was provided to the Board. Darrell moved to accept the claims report. Josh seconded. motion passed.

Staff Reports

NRCS- Andrew's Retirement Open House will be held on December 22 at the USDA Service Center in Rockville.

FSA – None

ISDA- Written report was submitted by Nathan Stoelting

Purdue- None

IASWCD- None

CRT- Submitted written report.

Director- Submitted written report

Old Business-

The Director priced a full-size toolbox at Tractor Supply. Josh moved to purchase a full-size toolbox and sliding tool tray for the F150 pickup. Darrell seconded. Motion passed.

The Director recommended that the Board dedicate one full day for the Long-Range Plan meeting, with the business meeting held first. January 21, 2026, was proposed as the tentative date. The meeting will be held in the SWCD Conference Room, starting at 10:00 a.m. The Director also indicated he would contact Nathan Stoelting (ISDA) to see if he would facilitate the session.

New business-

The Director presented Memoranda of Agreement with the Vermillion County Commissioners and the Vermillion County Council. The Board requested that additional detail be included regarding the NRCS Contribution Agreement in the agreement with the Council. The Board also requested that the agreements with the Commissioners be organized in priority order. Josh moved to approve the Memoranda of Agreement with both the Council and Commissioners once the agreements have been updated with the requested changes. Darrell seconded. Motion passed.

The Director presented the 2026 Annual Plan of Work to the Board. Connie requested that Wonders of the Wetlands at Duke be moved from August to September, as this is the month in which the event is typically held. The CRT indicated that he has not yet had time to add his items to the 2026 Annual Plan of Work. Review of the revised 2026 Annual Plan of Work was tabled until the January 2026 Board meeting.

Director present to the board 2026 Board Meeting Dates, second Tuesday of the month. Darrell moved to accept the 2026 Meeting Dates. Josh seconded. motion passed.

The 2026 NACD Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas, from February 13–19. As of December 15, the Director has not received confirmation regarding Steven's acceptance into the NCPP Training opportunity, which is held concurrently with the NACD Annual Conference. Josh moved to approve funding for Steven to attend the NCPP program upon his acceptance. Darrell seconded. Motion passed.

The LARE Grant Application, intended to supplement the IDEM 319 Grant, was not submitted by the January 2025 deadline. Darrell moved to resubmit the application to reflect the January 2026 dates. Josh seconded. Motion passed.

The Director presented information and pricing regarding the Extended Warranty for the Ford F150. The Board determined that purchasing the warranty is unnecessary, as the pickup averages approximately 10,000 miles per year.

Other New Business

The Director informed the Board that the third-quarter NRCS Contribution Agreement reimbursement has been received and that a check will be issued to the Auditor of Vermillion County for their portion of the reimbursement.

The Director informed the Board that the Landowners & Producers Summit was held on December 10th at the Vigo County History Center, with an estimated attendance of approximately 40 people. Josh commented that he thought it was a very well-presented event. The Director noted that another summit may be held in late February 2026, likely at a different location.

The IASWCD Business Meeting is scheduled for December 19th in Indianapolis. Connie will serve as the delegate, and Lee Ann will serve as the alternate.

Public Comment- None

Josh moved to adjourn. Darrell seconded. motion passed

With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved on the 21st day of January, 2026.

Darrell Morgan

Josh Bishop

LeeAnn Larrance

David Bishop

Connie Warner
