

**Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes
February 10th, 2026**

The Vermillion County SWCD Board of Supervisors met on February 10th, 2026 at the at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds Community Building immediately after the SWCD Annual Meeting. The following supervisors were present: Josh Bishop, Connie Warner, Lee Ann Larrance, David Bishop, Carter Morgan.

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

Call to order

Connie Warner, chair, called the meeting to order at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the January meeting were reviewed. David moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Lee Ann 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. David seconded. motion passed.

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

Staff Reports

NRCS- Rachel Farrow, Acting District Conservationist (DC) for Vermillion County, presented a report during the Annual Meeting.

ISDA- Holden Abrell presented a report during Annual Meeting

FSA – Shannon Cottrell presented a report during Annual Meeting

Purdue- None

IASWCD- Hanna Garriott presented a report during Annual Meeting

CRT- Submitted written report.

Director- Submitted written report

Old Business-

By consensus, the Board agreed to retain the current officers for the 2026 term: Connie Warner, Chair; David Bishop, Vice Chair; and Lee Ann Larrance, Secretary.

A motion was made by David Bishop to appoint Josh Bishop as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Lee Ann Larrance. motion passed

The Director informed the Board that the credit card account has a total of 81,757 rewards points available. After discussion, the Board determined to allocate the points toward \$100 gift cards for staff recognition. Lee Ann Larrance moved to approve the issuance of \$100 gift cards to Director Eric Shideler, Chris Booe, and Steven McGhee. The motion was seconded by David Bishop. motion passed.

New business-

Upon the conclusion of the election process at the Annual Meeting, Carter Morgan was elected to serve on the Board and was duly sworn in.

The Director presented to the Board a contract from Arion Consulting, represented by Sara Peel, to continue providing services for the 319 Implementation Grant.

Josh Bishop made a motion to approve the continuation of services with Arion Consulting for the 319 Implementation Grant. The motion was seconded by Lee Ann Larrance. motion passed.

The Director presented to the Board a letter from Lora Cottom, North Vermillion Science teacher, seeking sponsorship for the North Vermillion Science Team’s participation in the Indiana Envirothon Competition to be held on March 13, 2026. The registration fee is \$70.00 per team.

David Bishop made a motion to sponsor the North Vermillion Science Team’s participation in the competition. The motion was seconded by Josh Bishop. motion passed.

Other New Business: None

Public Comment-

Lee Ann Larrance moved to adjourn. Josh Bishop seconded. motion passed

With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved on the 10th day of March, 2026

Carter Morgan _____

Josh Bishop _____

LeeAnn Larrance _____

David Bishop _____

Connie Warner _____