

Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes
June 9th, 2026

The Vermillion County SWCD Board of Supervisors met on June 9th, 2026, at the Vermillion County SWCD Board Room.

The following supervisors were present: Josh Bishop, Connie Warner, Lee Ann Larrance, Carter Morgan.

Absent: 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 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Lee Ann Larrance moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Carter Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Register and Treasurer's Report

A printed financial report was provided by Eric. Carter Morgan moved to accept the financial report and all outstanding claims subject to audit. Lee Ann Larrance seconded. Motion carried.

A claims report was provided to the Board. Lee Ann Larrance moved to accept the claims report. Carter Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

NRCS- None

ISDA- The Director informed the Board that Hailey Kane has been hired as the new Resource Specialist. Her assigned counties include Vigo, Clay, Parke, and Vermillion.

FSA – None

Purdue- None

IASWCD- None

CRT- Submitted written report.

Steven informed the Board that outreach and promotion for the 2026–2027 Free Tree Giveaway program will begin on Monday, June 15. The five-tree species being offered this year are White Pine, Bur Oak, Persimmon, Shagbark Hickory, and Redbud. In the event that any of these species become unavailable, substitute species will include Red Pine, Swamp White Oak, Shellbark Hickory, American Plum, and Silky Dogwood.

The Board discussed options for the distribution of tree tubes, including providing up to five tree tubes free of charge and charging for any additional tubes, or implementing a fee for all tree tubes distributed.

Director- Submitted written report.

The Director provided an update to the Board regarding the Herman White Boat Launch project and its current status.

Old Business- None

New Business

The Director informed the Board that the Local Lead Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. and will be held prior to the regularly scheduled Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The Director said he is still working on setting up a Water Education event. As discussed at the May meeting, this was also mentioned to the two guests who were in attendance. He is looking for a speaker who can talk about water quantity and water availability. More information will be shared as plans come together.

Other New Business:

Joel Wesch's River Friendly Farmer nomination was submitted.

The State Soil Conservation Board has hired a firm to do a Comprehensive Needs Assessment for all 92 counties. They are looking at how Clean Indiana Water funds are being spent and how districts could use them more effectively. They will be at the office on August 26th to talk with staff about the office's work. They are basically trying to get a look at district offices from one end of the state to the other.

The Director mentioned to the board that he has two meetings set up. One is with the Jordan Creek SWCD group to talk about moving forward with the Jordan Creek planning application. The Notice of Intent (NOI) was submitted to IDEM.

The second meeting is with engineers and design folks from the Vermillion Rise Solar Project. They want to go over what the project will look like and how to ensure the application is submitted the first time correctly.

Public Comment- None

Carter Morgan moved to adjourn. Josh Bishop seconded. Motion carried.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved on the 11th day of August, 2026.

Carter Morgan

Josh Bishop

LeeAnn Larrance

David Bishop

Connie Warner
