

Vermillion County Soil & Water Conservation District Meeting Minutes
September 8th, 2026

The Vermillion County SWCD Board of Supervisors met on September 8th, 2026 at the Vermillion County SWCD Board Room

The following supervisors were present: Connie Warner, David Bishop, Carter Morgan, LeeAnn Larrance

Absent: Josh Bishop

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

Guests: Hailey Hendricks

Call to order

Connie Warner, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. Carter Morgan moved to approve the minutes as submitted. David Bishop seconded. Motion carried.

Accounts Payable Register and Treasurer's Report

A printed financial report was provided by Eric. LeeAnn Larrance moved to accept the financial report and all outstanding claims subject to audit. David Bishop seconded. Motion carried.

A claims report was provided to the Board. David Bishop moved to accept the claims report. Carter Morgan seconded. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

NRCS- Report Submitted

ISDA- Hailey Hendricks informed the Board that she attended the State Soil Board Meeting on September 8, 2026.

Hailey informed the Board that Holden attended the State Soil Board Meeting to present his case for why the IMAGE Program should continue.

Regarding the IMAGE Program, Hailey informed the Board that any SWCD Board Member or staff member who wishes to complete an application must also complete a Conflict of Interest form. If an application is submitted, it must be submitted through Gateway.

Hailey informed the Board that a Resource Specialist in the area recently left, and Hailey picked up one of her counties.

FSA – None

Purdue- Connie wanted to let everyone know that Vermillion Conservation Days are scheduled for September 18, 2026. She also announced that there will be a free Foliage Walk on September 29, 2026, at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds.

IASWCD- None

DNR- None

CRT- Submitted written report.

Director- Submitted written report.

Old Business- None

New Business

Connie Warner appointed herself as the delegate and Carter Morgan as the alternate for the IASWCD Annual Business Meeting.

The Board discussed recommendations for the appointment of a new Supervisor to fill the upcoming vacancy due to Josh Bishop coming off the Board. Names must be submitted by October 31, 2026.

A brief discussion was held regarding tentatively setting the Annual Meeting for February 16, 2027, at the Vermillion County Fairgrounds Community Building. The Director will reach out to Brendan Kearns about serving as the Annual Meeting speaker.

A discussion was held regarding Watershed Training. Staff members have attended the training, but no Board member has attended. The registration deadline is October 5, 2026. A motion was made by David Bishop for Connie Warner to attend the Watershed Training at Purdue in 2027. The registration fee is \$1,500, which includes meals and conference materials. Lee Ann Larrance seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Other New Business:

A contract between the Vermillion County SWCD and Habitat Creations, LLC was presented to the Board regarding seeding options for the Herman White Public Access Site. There were three (3) options to choose from: 1) Herbicide Applications, 2) Light Root Raking (TBD), and 3) Dormant Seeding. A motion was made by David Bishop to proceed with the Light Root Raking option. Carter Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Director presented information to the Board regarding a Plaud electronic recording device that could be used to record Board meetings. If purchased, the cost of the device and subscription would be divided between the Vermillion County SWCD and the Vermillion County Solid Waste Management District. A motion was made to purchase the Plaud electronic recording device. Lee Ann Larrance seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Public Comment- None

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

With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved on the 13th day of October, 2026.

Carter Morgan _____

Josh Bishop _____

LeeAnn Larrance _____

David Bishop _____

Connie Warner _____