

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

PURPOSE: *The St. Joseph River Basin Commission exists to provide a forum for the discussion, study and evaluation of water resource issues of common concern and foster cooperative planning and coordinated management of the basin's water and related land resources.*

The St. Joseph River Basin Commission was created by the Indiana General Assembly in 1988 to address water quality issues in the St. Joseph River and all the lakes and streams that flow to it. The enabling statute of the Commission (IC 14-30-3) was amended in 2018 to expand the scope and powers of the Commission to address flooding as well.

Individual members and their designated representatives are listed on the following page. Quarterly meetings were held at the Schrock Pavilion in Goshen, IN to direct the activities of the Commission. Meeting [agendas and minutes](#) are available on our website. Meeting dates and attendance information is summarized below.

	Date	Voting Members Present	Others Present	Counties Represented
Q1	03/03/22	20	13	6
Q2	06/02/22	21	9	6
Q3	09/01/22	18	8	6
Q4	12/01/22	16	14	6

Key Projects & Activities

- **Water Monitoring Program** – Completed year-two of biological monitoring across 12 sites; analyzed Elkhart County water quality data and published report including E. coli trends; sponsored USGS gage on Waldron Lake; assisted Steuben County Lakes Council and Indiana Lake Association with monitoring and strategic planning.
- **Regional Water Planning:** Engaged City of Angola, INTERA, and St. Joseph County on potential regional water study; participated in Upper Elkhart River Watershed Management Plan Steering Committee; hosted flood resilience planning meetings in Noble County; sponsored Steuben County Stormwater & Drainage Needs Assessment.
- **Education & Outreach** – Hosted the 2022 St. Joseph River Basin Symposium, featuring presentations on public funding for watershed management; sponsored participation in Watershed Leadership Academy; provided presentations for MS4 contractors, Envirothon, colleges, and community groups; contributed to St. Joseph River documentary.
- **Legislation & Advocacy** – Participated in Wetlands Task Force completing final report; provided input to state legislators on the Drainage Task Force and Watershed Development Commission legislation.
- **Other Member/Partner Support** – Assisted LaGrange County with drainage benefit apportionment; hosted Juday Creek Task Force and St. Joseph River Watershed Council meetings; facilitated interagency coordination on watershed data, conservation projects, and regulatory guidance.

2022 St. Joseph River Basin Commission Members

<i>Representation</i>	<i>Appointee</i>	<i>Proxy Representative</i>
Elkhart County		
Mayor, City of Elkhart	Rod Roberson	Daragh Deegan
Commissioner	Brad Rogers	Frank Lucchese
Health Officer	Richard Hostetter, M.D.	Bill Hartsuff
Surveyor	Philip Barker	Steve Schweisberger
Soil & Water Conservation District	Jim Hess	
Kosciusko County		
Council President, Town of Syracuse	William Musser	
Commissioner	Cary Groninger	Jon Roberts
Health Officer	William Remington, M.D.	Robert Weaver
Surveyor	Michael Kissinger	Jim Moyer
Soil & Water Conservation District	Jewel Wise	
LaGrange County		
Council President, Town of LaGrange	Ray Hoover	Diane Cameron
Commissioner	Peter Cook	
Health Officer	Tony Pechin, M.D.	Jarod Nisley
Surveyor	Zach Holsinger	Steven Vaughn
Soil & Water Conservation District	Martin Franke	
Noble County		
Mayor, City of Kendallville	SuzAnne Handshoe	Sue McGee
Commissioner	Anita Hess	Dan Lash
Health Officer	Elizabeth Schowe, M.D.	Jason Pippenger
Surveyor	Randy Sexton	
Soil & Water Conservation District	Stacey McGinnis	
St. Joseph County		
Mayor, City of Mishawaka	David Wood	Adam Bowden
Mayor, City of South Bend	James Mueller	Kieran Fahey
Commissioner	Derek Dieter	
Health Officer	Robert Einterz, M.D.	Mark Espich
Surveyor	John McNamara	John Law
Soil & Water Conservation District	Sarah Longenecker	
Steuben County		
Mayor, City of Angola	Dick Hickman	Kris Thomas
Commissioner	Lynne Leichty	Andy Laughlin
Health Officer	Ted Crisman, M.D.	Alicia Walsh
Surveyor	Jim Slabaugh	
Soil & Water Conservation District	Janel Meyer	
Indiana Department of Natural Resources		
Director	Daniel Bortner	Rod Edgell

St. Joseph River Basin Commission
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2022

	FY21 Actual	FY22 Actual	FY22 Budget	Budget to YE Variance	Notes
REVENUE					
State of Indiana	89,228.00	103,924.00	101,800	2,124	A
Local Government	62,304.00	61,164.00	63,660	(2,496)	B
Special Projects	23,668.38	2,695.00	2,500	195	
Interest	468.50	1,255.05	500	755	
Other Income	0.00	0.00		0	
Total Revenue	175,668.88	169,038.05	168,460	578	
EXPENSES					
Basic Operations					
SJRBC Director	46,993.28	46,522.31	47,000	(478)	
Accounting Services	2,630.17	2,096.21	4,000	(1,904)	C
Office Rent	5,774.97	6,999.96	7,000	(0)	
Legal	1,400.00	1,478.00	2,000	(522)	
Bank Service Fees	37.00	0.00	200	(200)	D
Insurance	518.64	518.64	520	(1)	
Travel/Mileage	563.27	615.97	1,200	(584)	E
Audit	0.00	0.00		0	
Information Technology	999.96	999.96	1,000	(0)	
Printing	78.49	92.62	200	(107)	
Postage	11.80	9.01	50	(41)	
Telephone	240.00	240.00	240	0	
Misc Expenses	43.60	0.00	250	(250)	
Operating Expenses	59,291.18	59,572.68	63,660	(4,087)	
Special Projects					
Water Monitoring	4,488.89	23,645.84	29,700	(6,054)	F
Additional MACOG Staff	12,436.53	29,240.21	35,700	(6,460)	G
Municipal/Partner Support	5,555.04	5,576.62	9,350	(3,773)	H
Planning/Resource Development	29,990.00	15,054.30	19,150	(4,096)	H
Education/Outreach Provision	2,962.31	5,286.91	7,400	(2,113)	H
Drainage Project	3,479.15	0.00	3,500	(3,500)	I
Project Expenses	58,911.92	78,803.88	104,800	(25,996)	
Total Expenses	118,203.10	138,376.56	168,460	(30,083)	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$57,465.78	\$30,661.49	\$0	0	

Notes:

A - FY22 General Fund Budget reserve reduced to 1% (expected 3%)

B - Shortfall due to unmet request from Steuben County

C - Financial reporting and invoicing handled by SJRBC Director

D - No bank service fees apparently due to low interest rates

E - Most travel/mileage charged to special projects

F - Actual expenses reduced due to delayed flow monitoring efforts

G - Expenses reduced due to efficiency of SJRBC Coordinator and MACOG support staff

H - Expenses limited by timing and opportunity

I - Drainage official support provided through basic operations

St. Joseph River Basin Commission
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
Fiscal Year Ended 6/30/2022

ASSETS

Cash

Lake City Account (1944)	\$363,179.76
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Total Cash	\$363,179.76
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Accounts Receivable

State of Indiana	\$0.00
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Total Accounts Receivable	\$0.00
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Total Assets	\$363,179.76
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LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE

Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$27,819.38
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Total Liabilities	\$27,819.38
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Fund Balance

Fund Balance FYE 2021	\$304,698.89
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Change in Net Assets YTD	\$30,661.49
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Total Fund Balance	\$335,360.38
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Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$363,179.76
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