



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 9th, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was at the District Office in Paxton, IL and was called to order by Kenny Hawthorne at 8:30 a.m. Member's present were: Kurt Edwards, Brent Hewitt, Adam Thorndyke, Kenny Hawthorne, and Jerry Oyer. District employees: Sarah Earles and Kadence Crowley.

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- Emailed Report

FSA- N/A

AFT- N/A

PF- N/A

PCM- N/A

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was approved by Oyer, and seconded by Thorndyke to approve April 2025 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:34 a.m. with 5 Directors present.

VI. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as April 30th, 2025

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It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Edwards to approve the treasurer's reports from 03/01/2025 to 04/30/2025, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:45 a.m.

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as May 31th, 2025

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It was moved by Oyer and Seconded by Thorndyke to approve the treasurer's reports from 05/01/2025 to 05/31/2025, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:46 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 4/2/25 Federal Liabilities	1261.84
• 4/2/25 State Liabilities	261.36
• 4/16/25 Ford-Iroquois 4-H Foundation	25.00
• 4/16/25 Winding Creek Nursery Tree Sale	1927.75
• 4/16/25 Gas/U-Haul For Spring Tree	237.60
• 4/24/25 Hensler Nursery Bareroot Tree Sale	660.00
• 4/30/25 Quick Books Tax Table Service Payroll update	850.00
• 5/1/25 Safe Deposit Box	18.00
• 5/2/25 Andry's Fish Farm Fish Sale	3796.05
• 5/2/25 May 2025 Health Insurance-Sarah	546.00
• 5/2/25 AISWCD Summer Conference	525.00
• 5/2/25 Kassandra Hughes Scholarship winner	500.00
• 5/8/25 Elam Financial Service	3.67

• 5/8/25 Federal Liabilities _____	1699.60
• 5/8/25 State Liabilities _____	356.40
• 5/22/25 Ford County Fair Association _____	75.00
• 5/30/25 Verizon Wireless _____	80.02

Edwards made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:49 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

C. 4/10/25 Kadence Crowley _____	1043.72
D. 4/10/25 Sarah Earles _____	1803.68
E. 4/24/25 Kadence Crowley _____	1043.72
F. 4/24/25 Sarah Earles _____	1803.68
G. 5/2/25 Mileage (4/1/25-4/10/24)-Sarah _____	148.40
H. 5/2/25 Mileage (4/29/25)-Kadence _____	98.00
I. 5/8/25 Kadence Crowley _____	946.86
J. 5/8/25 Sarah Earles _____	1896.40
K. 5/22/25 Kadence Crowley _____	335.61
L. 5/22/25 Sarah Earles _____	1803.68

Thorndyke made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:58 am.

VII. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD- Goals Meeting at Thorndyke pond August 11th 8:30am. Everyone brings something for lunch.
- HHW recycling event- research more for weather to donate or to hold own event.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events
- Kadence's Contract
- Tree/Fish Sale- Tree sale \$788.15, Fish Sale \$669.45. Continue fall tree sale, though reach out to Kankakee or McLean County to see about U-Haul.
- Summer Conference
- Auction Item- Pheasant Forever Print, see how much it would cost to frame it.
- IDOT Road Signs- 2 signs on 47 at the Livingston Co. and Champaign Co. Lines, 2 signs Route 9 at the Mclean Co. and the Vermillion Co. lines, 2 signs on 57 on both North and Southbound sides. 2 signs on 24 at the Iroquois Co. and Livingston Co. lines, 1 sign on 54 at Champaign Co. line, 1 sign on 45 at Champaign Co. line.
Edwards made a motion to approve 10 Road Signs. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion was carried with 5 directors present at 9:45 am.
- Audit- Edwards made a motion to approve the Audit. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion was carried with 5 directors present at 9:51 am.
- Budget- Hewitt made a motion to approve the FY26 Budget. Seconded By Edwards. Motion was carried with 5 directors present at 10:03 am.
- Oyer made the motion to Close the Meeting. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion was Carried with % directors present at 10:04 am.
- Edwards made the motion to Open the Closed meeting. Seconded by Oyer. Motion was carried with 5 directors present at 10:27 am.

VIII. AC/RC's REPORT –Nothing else to report

IX. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

- Reminder to board members to complete OMA training if you have not already.
<http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/Default.aspx>

X. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday July 14th, 2025 at 8:30am at the Office.

XI. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards, Seconded by Thorndyke with 4 directors present at 10:30 a.m.