



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 13, 2023

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 Edwards and was called to order by Kenny Hawthorne at 8:38 a.m. Member's present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Jerry Oyer, Brent Hewitt, and Kurt Edwards. District employee: Sarah Earles and Natalie Sutton.

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- Emailed

FSA- N/A

AFT- N/A

PF-N/A

PCM- N/A

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Hewitt to approve February 2023 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:41 a.m. with 4 Directors present.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of February 28, 2023

****See attached page****

It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Thorndyke to approve the treasurer's reports from 02/01/2023 to 02/28/2023, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:46 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

- 2/3/23 Federal Liabilities _____ 925.72
- 2/3/23 State Liabilities _____ 186.92
- 2/3/23 Verizon Wireless _____ 40.01
- 2/3/23 Statewide Publishing _____ 72.00
- 2/3/23 Cardmember Service (Indeed and Stamps) _____ 77.44
- 2/3/23 Pheasants Forever(6 seed orders) _____ 2683.35
- 2/6/23 SWCD Insurance Group _____ 302.00
- 2/16/23 AISWCD Envirothon Fund(Sponsorship Donation) _____ 1000.00
- 2/16/23 Illinois Pioneer Pheasants Forever(Sponsorship) _____ 250.00

Edwards made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:49 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

It was moved by Oyer, seconded by Hewitt to approve staff time sheets for the following positions: AC/RC

2/2/2023 Sarah Earles _____ 1476.10

2/23/2023 Sarah Earles _____ 1476.12

Status of Motion: carried at 8:52 a.m. with 4 directors present.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD- Ideas are the same as previously discussed. Trees for grade school with we can find any for this year, Grants, Hazardous Waste Recycling, IDOA clean sweep for Ag Chemicals.
- NRI Rates-Sarah to work on updating the NRI rates that we established at the February meeting.
- New Hire-Natalie Sutton started today.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming events-LUC 6 Envirothon April 6th, Tree Sale Pick Ups April 14th and 17th, Fish Sale Pick Ups April 20th, State Envirothon May 3rd & 4th
- Election Results- Kenny Hawthorne and Brent Hewitt each got 5 votes and are re-elected for another 2 years.
- Organization of the Board- Oyer made a motion to keep the board titles the same from last year; which are as follows: Kenny Hawthorne-Chairman, Adam Thorndyke-Vice Chairman, Kurt Edwards- Treasurer, Jerry Oyer-Secretary, and Brent Hewitt- Director. Seconded by Edwards. Status of Motion carried with 3 director Aye, and 1 Nay from Hawthorne at 9:13am

VII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

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

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

- Reminder to board members to complete OMA training if you have not already.
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IX. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday April 10, 2023 at 8:30am at the Office**IX. ADJOURN-** motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Hewitt with 4 directors present at 9:23 a.m.