



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

September 8th, 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 8:35 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- N/A

FSA- N/A

AFT- N/A

PF- N/A

PCM- N/A

AISWCD- N/A

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was approved by Edwards, and seconded by Hewitt to approve August 2025 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:43 a.m. with 5 Directors present.

VI. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

See attached page

It was moved by Oyer and Seconded by Thorndyke to approve the treasurer's reports from 08/01/2025 to 08/31/2025, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:49 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 8/6/25 Federal Liabilities	2642.50
• 8/6/25 State Liabilities	546.61
• 8/11/25 Kenny- hotel, mileage, per diem from summer conference	475.40
• 8/14/25 AISWCD (5% dues from operation fund)	1999.48
• 8/14/25 Elan Financial (summer conference hotel)	501.60
• 8/14/25 Sarah (mileage and per diem)	449.30
• 8/28/25 PF seed order P202533181	58.50
• 8/28/25 Sep 25 Health Insurance for Sarah & Kadence	1044.00
• 8/28/25 Verizon Wireless	40.01

Hewitt made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:55 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

C. 8/14/25 Kadence Crowley	1284.40
D. 8/14/25 Sarah Earles	1803.68
E. 8/28/25 Kadence Crowley	1043.72

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F. 8/28/25 Sarah Earles _____ 1803.68

Thorndyke made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:57 am.

VII. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD- discussion was made to put goals in board meeting slides
- HHW recycling event
- NACD Conservation Drainage

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events- Sarah and Kadence have a soil health training on 09/09/2025
- Credit Card Spending increase- Looking into more information
- Transfer PFC money- Discussion occurred about potential projects, transferer of money may have to happen in the future
- CDs- a motion was made by Edwards to put \$30,000 into a 6-month CD at 4% or more interest. The motion was seconded by Thorndyke. The motion carried at 9:35 a.m. with 5 directors present.
- Per Diem
- Vermillion County Staffing- Sarah will help on an as needed basis

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 –Tuesday October 14th, 2025 at 8:30am at the Office.

XI. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards, Seconded by Thorndyke with 5 directors present at 10:15 a.m.