



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

1380 W. OTTAWA, PAXTON, IL 60957 Phone (217) 379-4388

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

August 11th, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was at Thorndyke's Pond in Piper City, IL and was called to order by Kenny Hawthorne at 8:38 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- Getting all the information from producers

AISWCD- No additional funding was passed. They are looking to develop funding revenue streams. One possibility is an increase in payment to \$375 for everyone besides solar farms. A conservation fee of \$7 for foreign owned land. And a conservation fee of \$0.50 for out of state owned. There is a discussion to become a taxing body. Make clear to the IDOA that there needs to be more funding than 4.5 million. A discussion also occurred about changing the word "Districts" from Soil & Water Conservation Districts.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was approved by Edwards, and seconded by Thorndyke to approve June 2025 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 9:14 a.m. with 5 Directors present.

VI. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

****See attached page****

It was moved by Oyer and Seconded by Hewitt to approve the treasurer's reports from 06/01/2025 to 06/30/2025, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:30a.m.

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

****See attached page****

It was moved by Thorndyke and Seconded by Edwards to approve the treasurer's reports from 07/01/2025 to 07/31/2025, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:31a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 6/5/25 Federal Liabilities	1506.76
• 6/5/25 State Liabilities	312.77
• 6/5/25 ISWCDEA (Employee Dues for Kadence)	10.00
• 6/5/25 SWCD Insurance Group (Sarah's Health Insurance)	546.00
• 7/3/25 Sarah Earles (Reimbursement for rain barrel part and postage)	83.56
• 7/3/25 Pheasants Forever seed order	225.00
• 7/3/25 July Health and quarterly life & disability (Sarah)	236.97

• 7/3/25 AISWCD County Signs _____	1000.00
• 7/3/25 Verizon Wireless (MIFI) _____	40.01
• 7/3/25 State Liabilities _____	341.00
• 7/3/25 Federal Liabilities _____	1766.98
• 7/7/25 Silver Tree Beer & Spirits _____	45.42
• 7/10/25 Elan Financial (supplies for Fair board, QuickBooks, over limit fee) _____	1055.92
• 7/31/25 Verizon Wireless (MIFI) _____	40.01
• 7/31/25 Pheasants Forever seed order _____	112.50
• 7/31/25 Aug Health (Sarah & Kadence) Quarterly Life & Disability (Kadence) _____	1113.10

Edwards made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:40am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

C. 6/5/25 Sarah Earles _____	1803.68
D. 6/18/25 Sarah Earles (Mileage 5/4/25-5/6/25) _____	168.60
E. 6/18/25 Kadence Crowley (Mileage 5/27/25) _____	98.00
F. 6/19/25 Kadence Crowley _____	1224.48
G. 6/19/25 Sarah Earles _____	2279.66
H. 7/3/25 Kadence Crowley _____	1043.72
I. 7/3/25 Sarah Earles _____	1961.71
J. 7/17/25 Kadence Crowley _____	801.04
K. 7/17/25 Sarah Earles _____	1803.68
L. 7/31/25 Kadence Crowley _____	1284.40
M. 7/31/25 Sarah Earles _____	1803.68

Hewitt made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:57 am.

VII. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD
- HHW recycling event

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events
- Look into other credit cards that could be used to pay some bills (like the internet bill)
- A motion was made by Edwards to pay AISWCD Dues. It was seconded by Thorndyke. The motion carried with 5 directors present at 10:12
- Illinois River basin
- Land Use Council meeting- best times January or February
- Internal control checklist

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 September 8th, 2025 at 8:30am at the Office.

XI. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Hewitt, Seconded by Edwards with 5 directors present at 10:36 a.m.