



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

March 10th, 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 Adam Thorndyke at 8:33 a.m. Member's present were: Kurt Edwards, Brent Hewitt, Adam Thorndyke, and Jerry Oyer. District employees: Sarah Earles.

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 Hewitt, and seconded by Edwards to approve February 2025 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:37 a.m. with 4 Directors present.

VI. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as February 28th, 2025

****See attached page****

It was moved by Edwards and Seconded by Oyer to approve the treasurer's reports from 02/01/2025 to 02/28/2025, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:45 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

2/4/25 Verizon Wireless	40.01
2/4/25 SWCD of IL Insurance (Sarah's Health Insurance)	546.00
2/4/25 Pheasants Forever (4 seed orders)	869.85
2/5/25 Federal Liabilities	1532.72
2/5/25 State Liabilities	308.88
2/18/25 IL Pioneer Pheasants Forever (Banquet Sponsorship)	250.00
2/18/25 Statewide Publishing LLC (Notice of Election)	36.00
2/28/25 Verizon Wireless	40.01
2/28/25 SWCD of IL Insurance (Sarah's Health Insurance)	546.00

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

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

2/13/25 Sarah Earles 1803.68

2/27/25 Sarah Earles 1803.68

Oyer made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:52 am.

All programs and services of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status or handicap

VII. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD-Tabled until 2nd employee is hired
- Scholarship-One Applicant for this year. Kasi Hughes from Tri-Point HS. Edwards made the motion to award scholarship to her. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:17am. Earles to attend award ceremony at the school to give scholarship.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events
- Election Results/Board Positions- Elections were attended by 9 people. 9 votes for Hawthorne and 9 votes for Hewitt. Both are Re-elected. Oyer made a motion to all board members keep their current positions on the board. Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:24 am. Hawthorne-Chairman, Thorndyke-Vice Chairman, Oyer-Secretary, Edwards-Treasurer, Hewitt-Director.
- Sub agreement with AISWCD-This is to reimburse for the work Earles does for AISWCD. Earles is to submit monthly invoices for the hours. Hewitt made a motion to sign the agreement. Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:30 am. Rate is \$43.27 per hour which includes fringe benefits.
- Bank CDs-Both Bank CDs are at maturity or will be reaching maturity on March 13th. Oyer made a motion to put \$200,000 into a 1-year CD 4.15% interest. And to also put \$100,000 into a 6-month CD 4.25% interest. Leaving the rest of the money in the Money Market account. The Amount of \$68,201.87 Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:57am.
- Donation to Illinois Envirothon-Hewitt made a motion to donate \$1000, Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 10:01 am
- Event-Hops and Cover Crops-Donation-Event is April 1st Edwards made a motion to donate \$100 towards the event. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 10:10 am
- IDOA Grant agreement-Looked over the agreement. Oyer made a motion to have Hawthorne sign. Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 10:13 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.
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X. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday April 14th, 2025 at 8:30am at the Office.

XI. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards, Seconded by Hewitt with 4 directors present at 10:14 a.m.