



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 9th, 2026

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was at the 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, Kenny Hawthorne, and Adam Thondyke. District employees: Sarah Earles and Kadence Crowley.

II. APPROVE AGENDA AND MINUTES

It was approved by Edwards and seconded by Hewitt to approve the February 2026 meeting Agenda and the January 2026 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:42 a.m. with 4 Directors present

III. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- emailed

FSA- N/A

AFT- N/A

PF- N/A

PCM- N/A

AISWCD- N/A

VI. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as January 31th, 2026

****See attached page****

It was moved by Thorndyke and Seconded by Hewitt to approve the treasurer's reports from 1/01/2026 to 1/31/2026, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:58 a.m.

A. Approve Expenses

• 1/5/26 Chase Card Service (Winter Conference hotel, director & officer liability)	_____	\$1,303.20
• 1/5/26 Jan health and qrtly. life & disability for Sarah & Kadence	_____	\$1,291.62
• 1/5/26 Verizon Wireless (MIFI)	_____	\$40.01
• 1/9/26 State Liabilities	_____	\$459.03
• 1/9/26 Federal Liabilities	_____	\$2,379.82
• 1/9/26 2025 Board Mileage -Kurt Edwards	_____	\$94.50
• 1/9/26 2025 Board Mileage -Kenny Hawthorne	_____	\$334.60
• 1/9/26 2025 Board Mileage -Brent Hewitt	_____	\$239.40
• 1/9/26 2025 Board Mileage -Jerry Oyer	_____	\$189.00
• 1/9/26 2025 Board Mileage-Adam Thorndyke	_____	\$294.00
• 1/29/26 Verizon Wireless (MIFI)	_____	\$40.01
• 1/29/29 Pheasants Forever (seed order 34005)	_____	\$63.00
• 1/30/26 Statewide Publishing, LLC (notice of election of directors)	_____	\$68.00
• 1/30/26 Feb Health Insurance for Sarah and Kadence	_____	\$1,044.00

Hewitt made a motion to approve Expenses. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:59 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

C.	1/1/26 Kadence Crowley_____	1290.40
D.	1/1/26 Sarah Earles_____	1813.68
E.	1/15/26 Kadence Crowley_____	1290.40
F.	1/15/26 Sarah Earles_____	1813.68
G.	1/29/26 Kadence Crowley_____	1290.40
H.	1/29/26 Sarah Earles_____	1813.68

Edwards made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:59 am.

VII. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD
- HHW recycling event

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events
- Annual Meeting Report
- Election- Elections are on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, from 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
- Economic Statement of Interest
- Advocacy Day

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 March 9th, 2026, at 8:30am at the Office.**XI. ADJOURN-** motion made to adjourn by Hewitt, seconded by Thorndyke with 4 directors present at 9:32 a.m.