



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

February 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was held via zoom and was called to order by Adam Thorndyke at 10:03 a.m. Members present were: Adam Thorndyke, Jerry Oyer, and Kurt Edwards. District employee: Sarah Earles and Brandi Williams. Guests: Jean Brokish-AFT.

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS – N/A

AFT- Free Webinar: Farming for the Future: A Forum Exploring Ecosystem Markets on Friday, February 12, 2021 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Free Virtual Women Land Owners on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Would like to promote to women land owners in Ford County. American Farmland Trust available to run numbers with Ford County Farmers before planting season.

FSA- NA

PF-N/A

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Oyer to approve January 2021 Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Status of Motion: carried at 10:05 a.m. with 3 Directors present

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of January 31, 2021

****See attached page****

It was moved by Oyer and Seconded by Edwards to approve the treasurer's reports from 01/01/2021 to 01/31/2021, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 3 directors present at 10:08 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

- 01/04/2021 – Verizon Wireless (phone line) _____ \$40.01
- 01/05/2021 – Sarah Earles (MRBI Transect Survey Mileage) _____ \$58.00
- 01/05/2021 – Pheasants Forever (P202020271, P202020237) _____ \$1098.00
- 01/05/2021 – SWCD Insurance Group (Jan. Health/Life/Dis) _____ \$445.19
- 01/06/2021 – Federal Liabilities _____ \$652.16
- 01/06/2021 – State Liabilities _____ \$134.64
- 01/19/2021 – Rex Shambrook (FY20 Cost Share Cover Crops) _____ \$1600.00
- 01/19/2021 – Nancy Dickey (FY20 Cost Share Cover Crops) _____ \$837.68
- 01/19/2021 – Greg Niewold (FY20 Cost Share Cover Crops) _____ \$1209.60
- 01/21/2021 – The News Gazette (Elections/Job Posting) _____ \$231.80

B. Company Credit Card

- January Statement (No Balance) _____ \$0

It was moved by Edwards and 2nd by Oyer to pay pending bills
Status of Motion: Carried at 10:12 a.m. With 3 directors present

C. Approve Staff Time Sheets

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

01/07/2021 Sarah Earles _____ 1071.64

01/21/2021 Sarah Earles _____ 1078.38

Status of Motion: carried at 10:14 a.m. with 3 directors present

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Electronic Recycling-Tabled until we hear from the county for 2021
- NRI-Tabled
- Goals of SWCD Board-Tabled
- New Board Member for Elections – Elections will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2021 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Pursuing approval through FSA to allow foyer door to be unlocked that day for contactless voting in the foyer.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

- A. **AC/RC's REPORT** –Brandi Williams goes to Lafayette, IN USDA office to get background check on Thursday, February 11, 2021. She has been working on Reconstitutions. Sarah Earles working on CSP and assisting Wayne with NRCS while he's been out of the office.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

XI. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday March 8, 2021 at 10:00am

XII. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Oyer with 3 directors present at 10:16 a.m.