



# Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING September 4, 2020

### 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 Hawthorne at 1:01 p.m. Members present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Jerry Oyer, Adam Thorndyke, and Kurt Edwards. District employee: Sarah Earles.

### II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS-N/A

AFT- N/A

FSA- NA

PF-N/A

### III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Oyer to approve August 10, 2020 Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Status of Motion: carried at 1:05 p.m. with 4 Directors present

### IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of August 31, 2020

**\*\*See attached page\*\***

It was moved by Edwards and Seconded by Oyer to approve the treasurer's reports from 8/1/2020 to 8/31/2020, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 1:16 p.m.

### A. Approve Bills

- 8/6/20 Verizon Wireless (MIFI)\_\_\_\_\_40.01
- 8/6/20 SWCD Insurance Group (August Health Insurance)367.00
- 8/7/20 Ogle County SWCD (Fy19 PFC Money Transfer)\_\_\_\_13,327.14
- 8/11/20 Federal Liabilities\_\_\_\_\_652.16
- 8/11/20 State Liabilities\_\_\_\_\_134.64

### B. Company Credit Card

None

Edwards made a motion to contact Pheasants Forever about a check they never cashed from March. If they want us to reissue then we will make the stop payment out of the check first, Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 1:17pm

It was moved by Oyer and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwards to pay pending bills

Status of Motion: Carried at 1:18 p.m. With 4 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 –Earles

8/6/20 Sarah Earles \_\_\_\_\_ 1,070.64

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Status of Motion: carried at 1:19 p.m. with 4 directors present

## V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Electronic Recycling-Tabled until we hear from the county for 2021
- NRI-Tabled
- Goals of SWCD Board:
  - Need to find events that work for Urban Areas
  - School events-conservation in the class room, Earth Day, Arbor Day
  - More in contact with the FFAs and AG classes
  - Try to gain interest for Envirothon from both High Schools in the county
  - STAR Program-Outreach to educate local farmers beginning with CSP/Assistance with applications and questions
  - Enhanced Cover Crop Field Day-Schedule a year out....Applicators, suppliers, tile water sampling, rainfall simulator
  - Establishing contact with new solar customers (Maybe a post card)
  - Grants-Constantly searching for and applying for Grants
  - Look into getting employee name tag for events
  - Seek out job applicants from headhunting services, Indeed, Quick staff, and ziprecruiter

## VI. GRANTS AND FUNDING UPDATES

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Budget- Oyer makes a motion to accept a budget with -\$36,172.00 Edwards 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 3:34pm

## VIII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

### A. AC/RC's REPORT –CRP is complete

## IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

## X. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

## XI. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Tuesday October 13, 2020 at 5:30pm

## XII. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Thorndyke and seconded by Oyer with 4 directors present at 3:39 p.m.