



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 8th, 2016

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was held at the USDA Building, Paxton, IL and was called to order by Bunting at 7:02 p.m. Members present were: Vera Bunting Kenneth Hawthorne, Adam Thorndyke, Todd Lee, Kurt Edwards and Will Glazik . District employees: Tina Bachman and Catie Loomis; NRCS employees: Wayne Cox

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS: Wayne Cox gave an updated report on the work load for the CRP, CSP and EQUIP. Dennis Vollmer would like to have a meeting to meet our new board members. Cox gave the new directors the descriptions of what the SWCD have in agreement with NRCS. Discussed the new program that Hawthorne and Glazik went to called Precision Conservation Management with Cox.

FSA-none

III. APPROVE MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February 2016 Board meeting. It was moved by Thorndyke and seconded by Lee to approve the February 2016 minutes. Motion carried with five directors present at 8:20p.m.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of February 29, 2016

Capital Reserve \$70,000.00
 Paxton First National Bank checking \$56,586.54
 IL Funds Operation account \$00.00
 IL Funds Program account \$00.00
 Petty Cash \$ 51.23
 LUC6 First National Bank Checking: \$274.05
 Total of \$ 126,637.77

- It was moved by Thorndyke and Seconded by Lee to approve the treasurer's report from 2/01/16 to 2/29/16, as presented by AC, Tina Bachman. Motion carried with five directors present at 8:25 p.m.

A. Approve Bills

The following were approved for payment from First National Bank:

02/04/16 Catherine MG Loomis (mileage) \$293.70
 02/04/16 Pheasants Forever (sponsor) \$250.00
 02/11/16 Catherine Loomis (payroll) 1149.29
 02/11/16 Tina Bachman (payroll) \$326.16
 02/16/16 Tripod (website) \$59.37
 02/17/16 Pheasants Forever (seed) \$8514.00
 02/17/16 Il Dept of Ag (tree permit) \$50.00
 02/25/16 First National Bank (liabilities) \$883.74
 02/25/16 Il Dept of Revenue (liabilities) \$144.53
 02/25/16 Tina Bachman (payroll) \$496.23
 02/25/16 Catherine Loomis (payroll) \$1149.29
 02/29/16 Verizon (internet service) \$40.01

Lee moved to disburse payment from the First National Bank checking account as presented and Glazik seconded it; motion carried with four directors present at 8:26 p.m.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

Lee moved to approve the timesheet of AC: Tina Bachman and RC: Catie Loomis. Edwards seconded the motion and it

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carried at 8:31p.m. with five directors present.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- A. Tree & Fish Sale-discussed that we put it in the paper and we have quite a few orders in.
- B. MRBI-Discussed the timing with this project and with our upcoming reenrolls for CRP. Check with Jenny where the goal is with this project and where we are at.

VI. GRANTS AND FUNDING UPDATES

- A. **PFC: FY 2014-2015-**
- B. Electronic Recycling-Check with Brad Strebeck on next years activities with doing another electronics collection with conjunction with the Paxton Sale.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Poster Contest: Check with Kelly Thompson to see if we can give the spreadsheet to the schools to have them copy the information for the poster contest. Budget cuts limit on spending for us to do outreach projects.

Elections: Did reorganization for the new member, did introductions to the new members.

Ford County Treasurer- Let them know that the grant money came in.

Hawthorne needed to check with Sondra (AISWCD) on the Envirothon donation if it was for the State or if it was for the LUC6 area. Update: 03/14/16 Hawthorne found out it was for the State and the directors were texted at 9:29 a.m. to see if they wanted to donate to the State Envirothon. It was unanimously agreed that we donate \$50.00 dollars to the Envirothon

VIII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS MARCH

- A. **RC's REPORT -**
- B. **AC's REPORT -**

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

X. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

Kenneth Hawthorne and Will Glazik went to a meeting at the Champaign County SWCD office. It is on a new practice that they are on the works on getting going. Precision Conservation Management will be similar to CSP. Hoping to get farmers from the 5 Counties (Ford, Vermillion, Douglas, Edgar & Champaign).involved in conservation practices on their farming practice. More information will be updated as we find out more.

XI. PLAN NEXT MEETING – April 5th at 7:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Thorndyke and seconded by Lee with 5 directors present at 9:09 p.m.