



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING December 18, 2017

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 Lee at 6:11 p.m. Members present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Kurt Edwards, Todd Lee and Brad Strebeck. District employees: Sarah Earles and Dallas Glazik

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- Dennis emailed a report of what is going on in the different NRCS programs.

FSA- NA

PCM- NA

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Brad, and seconded by Adam to approve September Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Amendments: None

Status of Motion: carried at 6:20 p.m. with 5 Directors present

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of September 30, 2017, October 31, 2017, and November 30, 2017

Balance September 2017

Beginning:	140,831.31
End:	136,605.09
Credits:	2,121.24
Debits:	6,353.21
Interest:	5.75

Balance October 2017

Beginning:	136,605.09
End:	126,185.29
Credits:	3,750.60
Debits:	14,175.95
Interest:	5.55

Balance November 2017

Beginning:	126,185.29
End:	129,320.19
Credits:	11,597.00
Debits:	8,467.15
Interest:	5.05

It was moved by Thorndyke and Seconded by Edwards to approve the treasurer's reports from 9/1/17 to 11/30/17, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 6:27 p.m.

A. Approve Bills

9/6/2017 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)	40.01
9/14/2017 Federal Liabilities	902.72
9/14/2017 State Liabilities	182.54

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9/14/2017 Pheasants Forever	1,590.43
9/14/2017 AISWCD (Gift for Kelly)	25.00
9/15/2017 SWCD of Illinois Insurance	2,050.00
9/28/2017 SWCD Insurance Group	116.70
9/28/2017 SWCD of Illinois Insurance	2,050.00
9/28/2017 CMRS-FP (Postage)	11.96
9/28/2017 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)	40.01
9/28/2017 Russell Leigh and Associates	1,400.00
10/3/2017 AISWCD (workers Comp/Liability)	219.75
10/6/2017 Ben Kafer (PFC)	501.72
10/12/2017 State Liabilities	205.56
10/12/2017 Federal Liabilities	886.96
10/10/2017 The News Gazette (Tree and Fish Sale Ad)	49.00
10/10/2017 Pheasants Forever	44.50
10/23/2017 Logan Hollow Fish Farm	1,482.30
10/23/2017 Winding Creek Nursery Inc	786.75
10/23/2017 Jeff Glazik (Truck and Trailer Rental)	200.00
11/3/2017 Verizon Wireless(MIFI Service)	40.01
11/3/2017 Illinois Depart of AG(Nursery Dealer)	50.00
11/3/2017 SWCD of Illinois Insurance	2050.00
11/8/2017 Federal Liabilities	987.96
11/8/2017 State Liabilities	205.56
11/15/2017 Turner Vermont Agency(Director Liabilities)	1173.00
11/15/2017 ISWCDEA(WC Registration and Dues	60.00
11/15/2017 SWCD of Illinois Insurance(Admin Fee)	188.53
11/16/2017 IL Dept of Employment Security(Replacement Check)	100.00
11/27/2017 Pheasants Forever	10,254.58
11/27/2017 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)	40.01

It was moved by Thorndyke and 2nd by Edwards to pay pending bills
 Status of Motion: Carried at 6:29 p.m. With 5 directors present

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

It was moved by Edwards, seconded by Strebeck to approve staff time sheets for the following positions: AC/RC –Earles and AC/RC-Glazik

Status of Motion: carried at 6:30 p.m. with 5 directors present

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

Fall Fish Sale brought in a profit of \$306.30 Fall Tree Sale Brought in a profit of \$218.25

Kenny talked with Karen about recycling event. He told her that maybe we should alternate between Gibson City and Paxton for locations. Kenny suggested that we look into funding from the county. Maybe we can get Groups to help the day of event such as FFA or Football teams.

It was moved by Edwards, 2nd by Strebeck Status of Motion: Carried at 7:00pm with 5 directors present.

VI. GRANTS AND FUNDING UPDATES

We were awarded the Cover Crop Champions grant for \$10,000. Adam Thorndyke and Todd Lee are our Champion Farmers.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Upcoming Events- Conservation Cropping Seminar in Kankakee on January 23rd. Motion made by Thorndyke to allow Earles and Glazik to attend this seminar, 2nd by Edwards. Carried with 5 directors

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present at 7:01pm.

Dallas brought up a possible weed management event with a panel of farmer's and chemical representatives. Possible BCS or Brandon Grubbs. Board wants Dallas to look into this a little more. Dallas also brought up the idea of a Young Guns event that could possibly be held over a new CRP seeding. Dallas needs to ask Fred what Young Guns has as insurance.

Kenny talked about the 5 star Program that Champaign SWCD is implementing. He also talked about the AISWCD Executive Director being let go on day 4. She had to be paid for 14 days though.

Edwards made a motion to give a donation of \$50 to the Envirothon, 2nd by Thorndyke. Carried with 5 directors present. At 7:27pm

Strebeck made a motion to not give any donation to the NACD, 2nd by Thorndyke. Carried with 5 directors present. At 7:30 pm

Strebeck made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the University of Illinois Extension office, 2nd by Lee. Carried with 5 directors present. At 7:35pm

VIII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

A. RC's REPORT - PFC Report

Heard back from IDOA to pay the PFC applicants that had turned in all bills.

B. AC's REPORT –

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Board went into closed session at 7:45pm Opened back up at 8:10pm Kurt made a motion to give Earles and Glazik each a \$500.00 Bonus, 2nd by Strebeck. Carried with 5 directors present at 8:15pm

X. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

N/A

XI. PLAN NEXT MEETING –January 17th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Strebeck with 5 directors present at 8:27 p.m.