



# Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING January 17, 2018

### 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 Hawthorne at 6:04 p.m. Members present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Kurt Edwards and Todd Lee. 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 Lee, and seconded by Edwards to approve December Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Amendments: None

Status of Motion: carried at 6:11 p.m. with 3 Directors present

### IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of December 31, 2017

Balance December 2017

|            |            |
|------------|------------|
| Beginning: | 129,320.19 |
| End:       | 137,403.36 |
| Credits:   | 30,687.00  |
| Debits:    | 22,609.43  |
| Interest:  | 5.60       |

It was moved by Edwards and Seconded by Lee to approve the treasurer's reports from 12/1/17 to 12/31/17, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 3 directors present at 6:21 p.m.

#### A. Approve Bills

|                                                        |       |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| ➤ 12/5/17 SWCD Insurance Group (Health Insurance)      | _____ | 2050.00  |
| ➤ 12/7/17 Federal Liabilities                          | _____ | 1633.44  |
| ➤ 12/7/17 State Liabilities                            | _____ | 308.34   |
| ➤ 12/14/17 Farm & Home Publishers                      | _____ | 322.70   |
| ➤ 12/14/17 Cardmember Service                          | _____ | 261.31   |
| ➤ 12/18/17 Thorndyke Trust (PFC)                       | _____ | 1035.54  |
| ➤ 12/18/17 Robert Cork (PFC)                           | _____ | 898.96   |
| ➤ 12/18/17 Dennis Lee (PFC)                            | _____ | 1116.00  |
| ➤ 12/18/17 Todd Lee (PFC)                              | _____ | 750.00   |
| ➤ 12/18/17 Merle McCallister (PFC)                     | _____ | 918.60   |
| ➤ 12/18/17 Ruth Ann Penicook (PFC)                     | _____ | 1600.00  |
| ➤ 12/19/17 U of I Extension (Partnership)              | _____ | 50.00    |
| ➤ 12/19/17 AISWCD Envirothon Fund (Donation)           | _____ | 50.00    |
| ➤ 12/19/17 Pheasants Forever                           | _____ | 26528.68 |
| ➤ 12/28/17 Pheasants Forever                           | _____ | 112.14   |
| ➤ 12/28/17 Verizon Wireless                            | _____ | 40.01    |
| ➤ 12/28/17 SWCD Insurance Group (Disability Insurance) | _____ | 118.92   |
| ➤ 12/28/17 SWCD Insurance Group (Health Insurance)     | _____ | 2050.00  |

All programs and services of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status or handicap

It was moved by Lee and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Edwards to pay pending bills  
 Status of Motion: Carried at 6:23 p.m. With 3 directors present

## **B. Approve Staff Time Sheets**

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

Status of Motion: carried at 6:24 p.m. with 3 directors present

## **V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES**

Recycling Event- In Paxton Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>. Contact airport to see if we can have the event there.

Board Member Mileage- Board needs paid for 2015-2017. It was moved by Lee and seconded by Edwards to place a \$590.00 cap on reimbursement and to pay yearly after this. Status of Motion: Carried at 6:41 with 3 directors present.

## **VI. GRANTS AND FUNDING UPDATES**

We still have about \$11,000 of our \$20,000 PFC grant money to spend.

Dallas will be attending a 2 day training in Madison, WI for the Cover Crop Champion Grant

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Upcoming Events- Conservation Cropping Seminar in Kankakee on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dallas in WI on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> for Cover Crop Champion, January 24<sup>th</sup> LUC meeting in Clinton-Sarah will attend

It was moved by Edwards and seconded by Lee to do a \$250.00 sponsorship for the Pheasants forever Banquet on March 17. Status of motion: Carried at 6:41 pm with 3 directors present.

Comptroller's Repot was signed by Hawthorne.

It was moved by Edwards and seconded by Lee to have an April 19<sup>th</sup> Tree sale and preorder 20 bundles of each bare root tree. Status of motion: Carried at 7:10 with 3 Directors Present

Dallas brought up that we will need a new fishing license to sell fish. It was moved by Edwards and seconded by Lee. Status of Motion: Carried at 8:00pm with 3 directors present

## **VIII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS**

### **A. RC's REPORT - PFC Report**

### **B. AC's REPORT – All tax forms have been completed and mailed out.**

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Board went into closed session at 7:30pm Reopened at 7:55 pm  
 Get new contracts typed up with raises to be signed at February meeting

**X. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –**  
 N/A

**XI. PLAN NEXT MEETING –February 5th, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.**

**XII. ADJOURN-** motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Lee with 3 directors present at 8:12 p.m.