



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING August 14th, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was at the District Office in Paxton, IL and was called to order by Kurt Edwards at 8:30 a.m. Member's present were: Jerry Oyer, Brent Hewitt, and Kenny Hawthorne. District employees: Sarah Earles and Natalie Sutton.

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- N/A

FSA- N/A

AFT- N/A

PF/- N/A

PCM- N/A

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was approved by Hewitt, and seconded by Oyer to approve July, 2023 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:43 a.m. with 3 Directors present.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as July 31st, 2023.

****See attached page****

It was moved by Oyer and Seconded by Hewitt to approve the treasurer's reports from 7/01/2023 to 7/31/2023, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles and Natalie Sutton. Motion carried with 3 directors present at 9:02 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

B. 7/06/23 SWCD of Illinois Insurance	993.29
C. 7/06/23 Verizon Wireless	40.01
D. 7/06/23 Elan Financial Services	549.00
E. 7/07/23 State Liabilities	324.19
F. 7/07/23 Federal Withholdings	1560.80
G. 7/13/23 Mike Bleich (birdhouse for Summer Conference Raffle)	40.00
H. 7/27/2023 AISWCD (operational dues)	4097.93
I. 7/27/2023 Verizon Wireless	40.01

Hewitt made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 3 directors present at 9:04 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

• 7/06/2023 Sarah Earles	1489.59
• 7/06/2023 Natalie Sutton	1183.59
• 7/20/2023 Sarah Earles	1476.12
• 7/20/2023 Natalie Sutton	1183.59

Hewitt made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 3 directors present at 9:05

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V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD
- Purchase trees for Elementary Schools to distribute in April 2024. Motion to order made by Oyer. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 3 directors present at 9:22 am.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Transfer PFC funds- Hewitt made a motion to approve, seconded by Oyer. Motion carried at 9:40 am with 3 directors present.
- District Budget FY24- Oyer made a motion to approve, seconded by Hewitt at 9:56 am with 3 directors present.
- IDOA reports

VII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

AC/RC's REPORT –

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

- Reminder to board members to complete OMA training if you have not already.
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IX. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday, September 11th, 2023 at 8:30am at the Office.

- X.** Motion for closed session by Hewitt, seconded by Oyer at 10:09 am with 3 directors present to discuss personal matters. Meeting closed. Motion by Hewitt at 11:40 am to end closed session. Seconded by Oyer at 11:40 am with 3 directors present. Closed Session ended. Motion by Hewitt at 11:41 am to reopen meeting. Seconded by Oyer with 3 directors present. Meeting opened.

- XI. ADJOURN-** motion made to adjourn by Hewitt and seconded by Oyer with 3 directors present at 11:42 a.m.