



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING December 9th, 2024

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 Kenny Hawthorne at 8:30 a.m. Member's present were: Kurt Edwards, Brent Hewitt, Kenny Hawthorne, and Jerry Oyer. District employees: Sarah Earles.

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 Edwards, and seconded by Oyer to approve November 2024 Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Status of Motion: carried at 8:36 a.m. with 4 Directors present.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as November 30th, 2024

****See attached page****

It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Oyer to approve the treasurer's reports from 11/01/2024 to 11/30/2024, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:41 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

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| 11/1/2024 Verizon Wireless | 40.01 |
| 11/1/2024 SWCD of Illinois Insurance | 546.00 |
| 11/8/2024 Federal Liabilities | 1503.44 |
| 11/8/2024 State Liabilities | 320.76 |
| 11/8/2024 Andry's Fish Farm | 1144.85 |
| 11/14/2024 Effingham County SWCD (FY23 PFC Transfer) | 16273.00 |
| 11/27/2024 NACD (2025 Dues) | 101.00 |
| 11/27/2024 SWCD of Illinois Insurance | 546.00 |
| 11/27/2024 Verizon Wireless | 40.01 |

Edwards made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:43 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

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| • 11/07/24 Kadence Crowley | 1041.72 |
| • 11/07/24 Sarah Earles | 1534.05 |
| • 11/14/24 Sarah Earles (Mileage) | 749.23 |
| • 11/21/24 Sarah Earles | 1534.04 |

Hewitt made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:47 am.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD-Tabled until 2nd employee is hired
- New Hire-Reviewed resume- Try to set interview for Friday or Tuesday. Send new resumes to board as they come in.
- Scholarship- Try to get out to schools soon. Back sometime in March.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events-Sarah will be off from Dec 24-Jan 6th
- Elections- Feb 13th
- PFC-Cover Crops- got some FY 23 money transferred for W. Johnson Cover crops

VII. AC/RC's REPORT –Nothing else to 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 January 13th, 2025 at 8:30am at the Office.**X. ADJOURN-** motion made to adjourn by Edwards, Seconded by Hewitt with 4 directors present at 9:38 a.m.