



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING February 13, 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 Edwards and was called to order by Kenny Hawthorne at 8:35 a.m. Member's present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Adam Thorndyke, Jerry Oyer, Brent Hewitt, and Kurt Edwards. District employee: 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 moved by Oyer, and seconded by Thorndyke to approve January 2023 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:36 a.m. with 5 Directors present

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of January 31, 2023

****See attached page****

It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Thorndyke to approve the treasurer's reports from 01/01/2023 to 01/31/2023, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:40 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 1/4/2023 Jeremy Tjardes (PFC)	1965.75
• 1/5/2023 State Liabilities	193.17
• 1/5/2023 Federal Liabilities	977.06
• 1/5/2023 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)	40.01
• 1/5/2023 Cardmember Service	193.80
• 1/5/2023 SWCD Insurance (Jan Health& Quarterly Life)	412.06
• 1/6/2023 Kenny Hawthorne-Mileage	356.02
• 1/6/2023 Adam Thorndyke-Mileage	106.56
• 1/6/2023 Kurt Edwards_Mileage	162.75
• 1/6/2023 Jerry Oyer-Mileage	162.75
• 1/6/2023 Brent Hewitt-Mileage	117.51

Thorndyke made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:43 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

It was moved by Hewitt, seconded by Thorndyke to approve staff time sheets for the following positions: AC/RC

1/5/2023 Sarah Earles 1476.10

1/19/2023 Sarah Earles 1476.12

Status of Motion: carried at 8:45 a.m. with 5 directors present.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD- Tabled
- NRI Rates-Sarah to work on NRI rates for Ford County SWCD. Edwards made a motion to change \$400 for Full Report for the first 1-5 acres and \$20 for each additional acre. Just Letter \$200 and Just EcoCAT Report \$35. 30 business days turnaround from date that all documents are received and paid for. Seconded by Oyer at 9:00 with 5 Directors Present
- New Hire-Interviews to follow today's meeting

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming events-Lobby Day March 8th in Springfield
- Envirothon Donation-Thorndyke made a motion to donate \$2000 to LUC 6 for Local Envirothon and \$1000 to State Envirothon. Seconded by Edwards at 9:06am with 5 Directors present.
- Pheasants Forever Donation-Edwards made a motion to donate \$250 to Ford County PF for their banquet. Seconded by Hewitt at 9:08am with 5 directors present.
- CD-Renewal-Edwards made a motion to pull CD money out from The Frederick Community bank and put into checking account. He also made a motion to set up 2 CD's with Ahlden Harms with Wealth Management. He also added that the CD should be listed in Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District name. Authorized signers should be Kenneth Hawthorne, Adam Thorndyke, Kurt Edwards, and Sarah Earles. 1 CD for 6 months with \$50,000 and the other CD for 1 year with \$150,000. Seconded by Thorndyke with 5 directors present at 9:13am
- Board Member Per Diem- Hewitt made a motion that if board members attend a training or meeting that requires an overnight then that board member should be paid the same Per Diem as an employee, which is currently set at \$50 per overnight. Seconded by Oyer at 9:16am with 5 directors present.
- Measuring Wheel for CRP field work-Hewitt made a motion for Earles to buy a wheel with the company credit card. Seconded by Edwards at 9:19am with 5 directors present.

VII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

AC/RC's REPORT –Elections are coming up Feb 16th. Annual report was presented and is attached to these minutes.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

- Reminder to board members to complete OMA training if you have not already.
<http://foia.ilattorneygeneral.net/Default.aspx>

IX. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday March 13, 2023 at 8:30am at the Office

IX. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Hewitt with 5 directors present at 9:26 a.m.