



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 12th, 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: Kenny Hawthorne, Brent Hewitt, Kurt Edwards, Jerry Oyer, and Adam Thorndyke. 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 Thorndyke, and seconded by Oyer to approve February 12, 2024 Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Status of Motion: carried at 8:39 a.m. with 5 Directors present.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as February 29th, 2024

See attached page

It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Thorndyke to approve the treasurer's reports from 2/01/2024 to 2/29/2024, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:49 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 2/2/2024 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)	40.01
• 2/2/2024 Statewide Publishing (Notice of Election)	68.00
• 2/2/2024 SWCD of Illinois Insurance	399.00
• 2/6/2024 State Liabilities	188.70
• 2/6/2024 Federal Liabilities	927.22
• 2/13/2024 Elan Financial Services (Stamps & Postage)	67.59
• 2/13/2024 Pheasants Forever (3 seed orders)	1449.90
• 2/13/2024 AISWCD Envirothon Donation	1000.00
• 2/13/2024 Illinois Pioneer Pheasants Forever (Banquet Sponsorship)	250.00
• 2/13/2024 NACD 2024 Dues	501.00
• 2/13/2024 LUC6	500.00
• 2/21/2024 Transfer to start new CD	147,328.47

Edwards made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:55 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

• 2/1/24 Sarah Earles	1534.04
• 2/15/24 Sarah Earles	1534.05
• 2/29/24 Sarah Earles	1534.04

Hewitt made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:01 am.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD-Look into the cost of pollinator seed packets to maybe be able to give to the 4th grade students. Talked about maybe doing a district scholarship
- Rain Barrels- Kenny and Jerry are going to pick up later today.
- Board reviewed resumes- No interviews for the resumes received.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events-None at this time
- Election- Kurt Edwards, Jerry Oyer, and Adam Thorndyke were all reelected for a 2 year term. Edwards made a motion to keep the same positions on the board. Hawthorne-Chairman, Thorndyke-Vice Chairman, Oyer-Secretary, Edwards-Treasurer, and Hewitt-Director. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:43 am
- CD- Edwards made a motion on expiring CD to keep \$150,000 in CD for one year at 5.15%. seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:47 am
- NRI-Set Rates- Thorndyke made a motion to set rates at \$350 for up to 5 acres, \$20.00 for each additional acre. \$75 for a Letter, \$300 each wind turbine. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:57am
- Ford County Fair- Edwards made a motion for \$75 for a booth. Seconded by Thorndyke. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 9:58am
- PFC FY24 Component List- Oyer made a motion to sign as is. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried at 10:04am with 5 directors present.
- New District Printer- Earles reported that the old printer will no longer print. Edwards made a motion for Earles to purchase new printer after researching one with good reviews for no more than \$750.00. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 10:07am

AC/RC's REPORT –Nothing else to report

VII. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

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

VIII. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday, April 8th, 2024 at 8:30am at the Office.

IX. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Thorndyke with 5 directors present at 10:17 a.m.