



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING January 17, 2020

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 1:00 p.m. Members present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Adam Thorndyke, Brad Strebeck, Todd Lee, and Kurt Edwards. NRCS: Dennis Vollmer. District employee: Sarah Earles. Guests: Jerry Oyer

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS-Dennis gave out his report going over what has been going on in the county.

AFT- New Contract. Lee made a motion to sign the new AFT contract and second by Edwards. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 1:13pm

FSA- NA

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Thorndyke, and seconded by Edwards to approve December 2019 Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Status of Motion: carried at 1:14 p.m. with 5 Directors present

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of December 31, 2019

****See attached page****

It was moved by Lee and Seconded by Edwards to approve the treasurer's reports from 12/1/2019 to 12/31/2019, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 1:28 p.m.

A. Approve Bills

- 12/9/19 SWCD Insurance Group (Dec Health Ins)_____ 1,178.00
- 12/9/19 Pheasants Forever Seed Order P201917942_____ 344.87
- 12/9/19 The News Gazette (Election Nominations)_____ 21.00
- 12/11/19 State Liabilites_____ 130.68
- 12/11/19 Federal Liabilites_____ 631.92
- 12/12/19 Sarah Earles(Mileage)_____ 179.22
- 12/26/19 Todd Lee (PFC Cost Share for Cover Crops)_____ 1,600.00
- 12/26/19 Dennis Lee (PFC Cost Share for Cover Crops)_____ 1,590.79
- 12/30/2019 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)_____ 40.01

B. Company Credit Card

- December Statement- Paid in January will be on January board

It was moved by Thorndyke and 2nd by Edwards to pay pending bills

Status of Motion: Carried at 1:32 p.m. With 5 directors present

C. Approve Staff Time Sheets

It was move by Lee, seconded by Strebeck to approve staff time sheets for the following positions: AC/RC –Earles

12/12/19 Sarah Earles(has tree and fish bonus)___1,121.04

12/26/19 Sarah Earles_____1,039.68

Status of Motion: carried at 1:35 p.m. with 5 directors present

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Electronic Recycling-Opt in should get signed by the county February 3.

VI. GRANTS AND FUNDING UPDATES

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming events
- Send out Affiliate Member Letters
- District Goals-Ask Kankakee County SWCD about the intern process they use.

VIII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

- A. **AC/RC's REPORT** – Keep receiving PFC applications for cover crops. Dennis is working on getting projects together to help us get the PFC money spent. Meeting closed at 2:09pm to do employee evaluation. Reopened at 2:30 pm

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS –

X. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

- Started talking about more goals and directions the district wants to go in. Edwards made a motion to advertise for a full time employee with a salary range of \$28,000-\$32,000 seconded by Thorndyke at 4:25pm with 5 directors present.
- Grants, Children Education, More visible to the public, work groups with the county, battery recycling, EPA waste recycling again?
- Talk with Joe Bybee about a donate button to go on our website and ask if we should leave the job opening open with no deadline for application if that will help get more applicants.

XI. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday February 10, 2020 at 6:00pm

XII. **ADJOURN**- motion made to adjourn by Thorndyke and seconded by Edwards with 5 directors present at 4:45 p.m.