



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING July 7th, 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, Jerry Oyer, and Kenny Hawthorne. District employees: Sarah Earles. NRCS- Wayne Cox

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- Wayne updated that NRCS is having a hard time filling positions. HEL is handled by Wayne and the State office is very behind. The engineering team is behind in surveying and designing waterways.

FSA- N/A

AFT- N/A

PF- N/A

PCM- N/A

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was approved by Oyer, and seconded by Edwards to approve June 2024 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 9:14 a.m. with 4 Directors present.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

****See attached page****

It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Oyer to approve the treasurer's reports from 6/01/2024 to 6/30/2024, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:20a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 6/3/24 Verizon Wireless (MIFI and new MIFI Box)	70.00
• 6/3/24 SWCD of IL Insurance(Sarah Health Ins)	399.00
• 6/4/24 Andry's Fish Farm(Spring 24 Fish Sale)	5662.55
• 6/10/24 Federal Liabilities	957.78
• 6/10/24 State Liabilities	194.04
• 6/11/24 University of Illinois (Ag in the Classroom)	50.00
• 6/18/24 RKL General Partnership (FY23 PFC)	1800.00
• 6/18/24 Dennis Vance (FY23 PFC)	1800.00
• 6/20/24 AISWCD (Summer Conference Kenny & Sarah)	300.00

Edwards made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:27 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

• 6/6/24 Sarah Earles	1534.04
• 6/20/24 Sarah Earles(Mileage)	357.11
• 6/20/24 Sarah Earles(Tree/Fish Bonus also)	2133.95

Oyer made a motion to approve Staff Time Sheets. Seconded by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 9:39 am.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD-Tabled until 2nd employee is hired
- Board reviewed resumes-Reach out to Brittany Nugent to see if she would like to interview either Tuesday night or Friday 8:30am or the 1st week of August. Edwards made a motion to hire Kadence Crowley as intern starting September 23-Nov 1st and pay her \$16.00/hour. Second by Hewitt. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 10:23 am. Sarah will call Kadence to let her know.
- Scholarship-Tabled

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming Events-Sarah has a few days scheduled off and Summer Conference is July 14-16th
- Summer Conference Resolutions-There will not be anything sunseting. Edwards made a motion to have Hawthorne vote in favor of the Resolutions for Ford County SWCD. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 10:33am
- Budget-Oyer made a motion to approve a budget of \$-47,200.00 due to the state budget cut. Seconded by Edwards. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 10:47am
- Solar Farm Letter Request- Remain Neutral and email to the board for approval to email to the company.
- RC Verification-Reviewed
- Equipment Verification-Reviewed

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, July 8th, 2024 at 8:30am at the Office.**X. ADJOURN-** motion made to adjourn by Edwards seconded by Oyer with 4 directors present at 10:09 a.m.