



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 8th, 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 and was called to order by Kenny Hawthorne at 8:34 a.m. Member's present were: Adam Thorndyke, Jerry Oyer, Brent Hewitt, and Kurt Edwards. District employees: Sarah Earles and Natalie Sutton.

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 Thorndyke, and seconded by Oyer to approve April 2023 Board Meeting minutes as mailed. Status of Motion: carried at 8:38 a.m. with 5 Directors present.

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of April 30th, 2023

****See attached page****

It was moved by Hewitt and Seconded by Thorndyke to approve the treasurer's reports from 04/01/2023 to 04/30/2023, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles and Natalie Sutton. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:46 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

B. 4/4/23 Federal Liabilities	1,629.62
C. 4/4/23 State Liabilities	335.09
D. 4/6/23 Banking Error-The Frederick Community Bank	0.10
E. 4/13/23 Winding Creek Nursery Inc (Spring Tree Sale)	4,186.75
F. 4/13/23 Natalie Sutton (mileage 3/29/23)	99.56
G. 4/13/23 University of Illinois Extension (Level 2 Contribution-Ag in the Classroom)	50.00
H. 4/13/23 Elan Financial Services (Indeed and Quickbooks)	557.00
I. 4/20/23 ISWCDEA (dues for Natalie)	10.00
J. 4/20/23 Iroquois County SWCD (Spring Tree Sale gas/uhaul rental cost	204.91
K. 4/20/23 Hensler Nursery (Bareroot trees)	460.00
L. 4/27/23 Verizon Wireless	40.01

Hewitt made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 5 directors present at 8:51 am.

B. Approve Staff Time Sheets

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

- 4/13/2023 Sarah Earles 1476.10
- 4/13/2023 Natalie Sutton 1170.31

- 4/13/2023 Natalie Sutton (mileage)_____99.56
- 4/27/2023 Sarah Earles _____1476.12
- 4/27/2023 Natalie Sutton _____1183.59

Status of Motion: carried at 8:58 a.m. with 5 directors present.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD- Ideas are the same as previously discussed. Elementary education outreach, as well as need for community recognition/visibility discussed. Search and apply for grants, as well as look into local education donations to schools/FFA.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Ford County Fair Booth June 25-July 2nd, 2023 (Moved by Edwards/Hewitt 9:15 am)
- LUC Meeting June 22nd, 2023
- Annual Summer Training Conference in Springfield July 16th-18th, 2023
- FY24 Health Insurance Rate Increase

VII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

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, June 12th, 2023 at 8:30am at the Office.

IX. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Thorndyke with 5 directors present at 9:27 a.m.