



Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District

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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING November 21, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

The monthly board meeting of the Ford County Soil and Water Conservation District was at Diner in Roberts, IL and was called to order by Kenny Hawthorne at 8:33 a.m. Member's present were: Kenny Hawthorne, Jerry Oyer, Brent Hewitt, and Kurt Edwards. District employee: Sarah Earles.

II. REPORT OF COOPERATING AGENCIES

NRCS- Emailed Report

FSA- N/A

AFT-Emailed Report

PF-N/A

PCM- Jonah Cooley is the new person for Ford County

III. APPROVE MINUTES

It was moved by Edwards, and seconded by Hewitt to approve September 2022 Board Meeting minutes as mailed.

Status of Motion: carried at 8:48 a.m. with 4 Directors present

IV. APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was given with the following balances as of October 31, 2022

****See attached page****

It was moved by Edwards and Seconded by Oyer to approve the treasurer's reports from 10/01/2022 to 10/31/2022, as presented by AC/RC, Sarah Earles. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:54 a.m.

A. Approve Bills

• 9/1/22 Verizon Wireless(MIFI Service)	40.03
• 9/1/22 SWCD of IL insurance (Sept Health)	302.00
• 9/6/22 Federal Liabilities	777.60
• 9/6/22 State Liabilities	158.40
• 9/29/22 SWCD Insurance (Oct Health & ¼ life & disability)	412.06
• 9/30/22 Verizon Wireless (MIFI Service)	40.01
• 9/30/22 Pheasants Forever (seed order)	204.75
• 9/30/22 IL Dept of AG(Tree Certificate)	50.00
• 10/7/22 State Liabilities	251.86
• 10/7/22 Federal Liabilities	1245.44
• 10/14/22 AISWCD (worker's comp Insurance)	467.58
• 10/14/22ISWCDEA (2023 Dues and Winter Training for Sarah)	35.00
• 10/20/22 Mary Ellen Penicook(Tree Refund for trees couldn't get)	150.00
• 10/25/22 Iroquois Co SWCD(Gas and Uhaul for Tree Sale)	136.44
• 10/25/22 Winding Creek Nursery(Fall 2022 Trees)	3629.50
• 10/25/22 Verizon Wireless(MIFI Service)	40.01
• 10/25/22 Return Check From Fall Tree Sale	300.00
• 10/27/22 Andry's Fish Farm(Fall 2022 Sale)	656.25

Hewitt made a motion to approve Pending Bills. Seconded by Oyer. Motion carried with 4 directors present at 8:57am.

C. Approve Staff Time Sheets

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

9/1/2022 Sarah Earles _____	1254.40
9/15/2022 Sarah Earles _____	1254.40
9/29/2022 Sarah Earles(Start of \$23.60/hr)_____	1471.12
10/13/2022 Sarah Earles_____	1471.10
10/27/2022 Sarah Earles_____	1471.11

Status of Motion: carried at 9:15 a.m. with 4 directors present.

V. OLD BUSINESS- UPDATES

- Goals of SWCD- Tabled for planning discussion
- NRI Rates-Tabled-Sarah to ask other counties for their Solar NRI Rates
- New Hire-No interviews currently. Discussion on paying to advertise job. Edwards made a motion to spend up to \$300 to sponsor job on Indeed. Second made by Hewitt. Status of Motion: Carried with 4 Directors present at 9:42am

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- Upcoming events- None Currently
- Audit-Motion to accept by Hewitt. Second by Oyer. Status: Carried with 4 directors present at 9:47am
- Tree/Fish Sale-Edwards made a motion to pay 10% of profit from sales per the contract to Earles. Second by Hewitt. Status: Carried with 4 directors present at 9:48am
- PFC- 3 Cover Crops claims paid
- IMRF-Retirement-Discussion was had.

VII. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE REPORTS

AC/RC's REPORT –

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE/MISCELLANEOUS –

- Reminder to board members to complete OMA training if you haven't already.
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IX. PLAN NEXT MEETING –Monday December 12, 2022 at 8:30am at the Backwoods Diner in Roberts

IX. ADJOURN- motion made to adjourn by Edwards and seconded by Hewitt with 4 directors present at 10:09 a.m.