



**STEPHENSON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District Chairperson Jim Hutchison called the meeting to order at 8:03 a. m. on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, in the Blackhawk room, Stephenson County Farm Bureau in Freeport, Illinois.

ROLL CALL: Present at the time the meeting was called to order: Board members Jim Hutchison (Chairperson), Barb Klinger (Secretary/Treasurer), Seth Wenzel (Vice Chairperson), and Matt Schlachter (Board Director); District employees Aaron Dinderman (Resource Conservationist), Trina Orr (Administrative Coordinator); NRCS employee Abby Mielke (Soil Conservationist); and Illinois Department of Agriculture Land and Water Resources employee Shelly Ray (Regional Rep).

Not in attendance: Mark Binger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review, discuss, and possible action of the minutes from the February 15, 2023, Stephenson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting.

Wenzel moved to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2023, Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting, Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

TREASURERS REPORT AND BUDGET: Review, discuss, and possible action to pay the bills as listed on the monthly budget sheet for February 2023.

Hutchison moved to pay the bills as listed on the monthly budget sheet for February 2023, Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE TIMESHEETS: Review, discuss, and possible action of Pay Period January 29, 2023, February 12, 2023, and February 26, 2023, employee timesheets for Aaron Dinderman and Trina Orr.

Schlachter moved to approve the Pay Period January 29, 2023, February 12, 2023, and February 26, 2023, employee timesheets for Aaron Dinderman and Trina Orr; Klinger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

REPORTS

STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD REPORT (Steve Fricke)

Nothing to report.

STEPHENSON COUNTY FARM BUREAU – AG IN THE CLASSROOM REPORT (Debbie Steinbach)



Nothing to report.

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Lorraina Lopez)

Nothing to report.

PHEASANTS FOREVER (Jared Trickey)

Nothing to report.

SWCD RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT (Aaron Dinderman)

Report in Board Meeting packet.

NRCS – EQIP REPORT (Abby Mielke)

Report in Board Meeting packet.

NRCS – CSP (Abby Mielke)

Report in Board Meeting packet.

NRCS – Compliance Reviews (Abby Mielke)

Report in Board Meeting packet.

NRCS – SOIL CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN REPORT (Luke Tweeten)

Report in Board Meeting packet.

Review, discuss, and possible action of Stephenson County Farm Bureau Report, SWCD Resource Conservationist Report, NRCS-CRP/Conservation Plan/CPO's Report, NRCS-Contribution Agreement Report, and NRCS-EQIP/CSP Update Reports as e-mailed in the Board of Directors packet.

Klinger moved to approve the reports as e-mailed in the Board of Directors packet Hutchison seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

FY2023 PFC PRACTICE COMPONENT LIST: Review, discuss, and possible action to motion, vote, and approve FY2023 PFC Practice Component List

Klinger moved to approve the FY2023 PFC Practice Component List Hutchison seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

PFC FY23 GUIDELINES: Review, discuss, and possible action to motion, vote, and approve PFC FY23 Guidelines

Klinger moved to approve the PFC FY23 Guidelines Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.



EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION (Jim Hutchison)

Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District entered into an Executive Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT – Having no other business, Chairperson Hutchison adjourned the meeting.

Notes recorded by Trina Orr