



STEPHENSON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District Chairperson Jim Hutchison called the meeting to order at 8:00 a. m. on Wednesday, May 17, 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 Luke Tweeten (Soil Conservation Technician); City of Freeport employee Lorraina Lopez (Planner); and Pheasants Forever employee Jared Trickey (Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist).

Not in attendance: Mark Binger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review, discuss, and possible action of the minutes from the April 19, 2023, Stephenson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting.

Wenzel moved to approve the minutes from the April 19, 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 April 2023.

Schlachter moved to pay the bills as listed on the monthly budget sheet for April 2023, Wenzel 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 8 and Pay Period 9, employee timesheets for Aaron Dinderman and Trina Orr.

Klinger moved to approve Pay Period 8 and Pay Period 9, employee timesheets for Aaron Dinderman and Trina Orr; Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

REPORTS

FREEPORT CITY COUNCIL REPORT (Lorraina Lopez)

- East Side project has sent 61 applications and 37 have been received back.
- 9-10 East Side project properties qualify for the higher reimbursement of \$46,000.00

PHEASANTS FOREVER (Jared Trickey)

- Prescribed Burn Plans are completed



- Jared Trickey has accepted a new position as Fire Coordinator.

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 Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP: Review, discuss, and possible action to set a date for highway clean-up.

Highway clean-up will be on May 31, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

IDOA GRANT AGREEMENT: Review, discuss, and possible action to approve and sign the IDOA Grant Agreement.

Klinger moved to approve and sign the IDOA Grant Agreement Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

4-H ILLINOIS EXTENSION SPONSOR DONATION: Review, discuss, and possible action to sponsor 4-H Trophies in the amount of \$50.00.

Wenzel moved to approve the sponsorship of 4-H Trophies in the amount of \$50.00 Klinger seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

PFC PROJECT APPROVAL: Review, discuss, and possible action for PFC Project approval(s).



Klinger moved to approve PFC Project(s) Schlachter seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

CONSERVATION PLAN APPROVAL: Review, discuss, and possible action for Conservation Plan approval(s).

Klinger moved to approve Conservation Plan(s) Wenzel 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 at 8:55 a.m.

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

Notes recorded by Trina Orr