



STEPHENSON COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2023

CALL TO ORDER: Stephenson County Soil & Water Conservation District Chairperson Jim Hutchison called the meeting to order at 8:01 a. m. on Wednesday, June 21, 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); NRCS employee Abby Mielke (Soil Conservationist); City of Freeport employee Lorraina Lopez (Planner).

Not in attendance: Mark Binger

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Review, discuss, and possible action of the minutes from the May 17, 2023, Stephenson Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors meeting.

Wenzel moved to approve the minutes from the May 17, 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 May 2023.

Schlachter moved to pay the bills as listed on the monthly budget sheet for May 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 10, Pay Period 11, and Pay Period 12 employee timesheets for Aaron Dinderman and Trina Orr.

Klinger moved to approve Pay Period 10, Pay Period 11, and Pay Period 12, 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)

Planner Updates 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.

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

TREE SALE REPORT

Reviewed, no motion.

FISH SALE REPORT

Reviewed, no motion.

SUMMER CONFERENCE AUCTION BASKET: Review, discuss, and possible action to approve \$150 to submit an auction basket at the Summer Conference.

Klinger moved to approve \$150 to submit an auction basket at the Summer Conference Wenzel seconded the motion. There being no further discussion – Voting aye: All. Motion passed.

SWCD TRAILER REPAIRS: Review, discuss, and possible action to replace tires and repair SWCD trailer.

Item tabled.

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

No motion

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

No motion



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