

# Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

## March Minutes

### Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the March meeting of the Peoria County SWCD to order at 8:30 a.m. on March 12, 2024. The meeting was held at the USDA Service Center Conference Room.

### Attendance (P=Present, A=Absent)

<u>STAFF</u>		<u>DIRECTORS</u>		<u>ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS</u>	
Jeremy Beck	P	Jerry Wyatt	P	Ron Gilles	P
Josh Joseph	P	Ted Gilles	P	Anita Lorange	P
Karla Smith	A	Chuck Schafer	P	Marty Behrends	P
Dan Sahm	A	Troy Wagenbach	P	Charles Rice	P
Wilson Yingling	P	Dave Wagner	P	Arlan Janssen	P
Vicki Morrival	P			Betty Gorman	A
				Derek Menold	P

### Approval of Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda for the March meeting, Dave Wagner moved to approve the agenda, Troy Wagenbach seconded. Motion passed.

### Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the February meeting. Ted Gilles moved to approve the minutes. Dave Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

### Approval of the Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial reports for February. Dave Wagner made the motion to approve the financial reports from January. Chuck Schafer seconded. Motion passed.

### Staff Reports

Karla was out sick; her report is in the board packets. She takes care of the monthly bills, taxes, payroll, reconciling the bank statements. She provides admin assistance for NRCS Staff and turned in papers for Admin agreement. She aids with the IDOA by administering their funds for training and streambank funds when needed. The website is updated, she has been working on Recons and finishing up the Annual Meeting paperwork. There have been fish and tree orders coming in. She has attended meetings for the Summer Conference, Forestry Committee and Regional Training. Josh finished the spring issue of the paper in time for the sales currently going on. He has turned in the seed orders to Nick for spring seeding program. Josh attended ArcPro training, QC Stormwater Conference, and Regional Training in Springfield. He also had sheep week for AITC. Jeremy reported for the District Group that there is one more ACT Now EQIP Contract to be signed. They are working on assessments and ranking for EQIP Contracts. CSP, letters were sent to those eligible for renewals. CRP has a deadline of March 15 for the first batching. Jeremy has been going to Cover Crop training seminars and summits. Peoria County NRCS office will have an intern this summer. They will start in June. Wilson has

been doing CRP reviews, checking in the field and following up with the paperwork. He is also working on EQIP rankings. Dan has been also working on EQIP, new contracts and ranking the applications. He is out today; he is at the hospital with his wife and newborn son.

### **Conservation Application**

**EQIP, CSP, CRP, CREP:**

**Update Watersheds Watershed Survey:**

### **Partners for conservation**

**Project Update:**

**Payment Approval:**

**Project Approval:**

**Cost Share Prioritization:**

### **New Business**

**Certify Election:** Congratulations to Troy Wagenbach, Dave Wagner, and Jerry Wyatt on their election to the Board of Directors for a two-year term. Acceptance of office papers were given for them to sign. Voting Record and the Program need to be signed by the Chairman.

**Election of Officers:** Dave Wagner made the motion to keep the same slate of officers for the next year, Troy Wagenbach seconded. Motion passed. Officers – Jerry Wyatt, Chairman; Ted Gilles, Vice-Chairman; Chuck Schafer, Secretary; Troy Wagenbach, Treasurer; Dave Wagner, Member at Large. Motion passed.

**Burn Clinic:** March 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am

**Sales Updates:**

**Custom Seeding:** 171.88 Acres Total. Josh passed out maps to show where the planting is happening. He requested permission to purchase storage totes for seed and a tarp for the drill. Board Approved the request.

**Trees:**

**Fish:**

**LUC 5 Dues:** Ted Gilles made the motion to pay \$200 dues to the LUC 5. Troy Wagenbach seconded. Motion passed.

**Miscellaneous:**

### **Old Business.**

**Annual Meeting:** We have 78 people attend the breakfast. Good comments about the food were heard. Everyone went home with a door prize, some people got two.

**Lobby Day:**

**Advocacy and Action Day:**

**Miscellaneous:**

### **Building**

**Lease:** Lease was sent back to the USDA contact. They have received it, but no further word on it.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Operations**

**Time sheets and mileage reports:** Signed by the Chairman.

**Correspondence:**

**Legislative Updates**

**State and Federal:**

**Communications**

**AISWCD:**

**NACD:**

**BLWR:**

**Strategic Planning**

**Client Service Plan update:** none

**Volunteer Hours:**

**Next Meeting** –The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:30 AM

**Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. by Ted Gilles. Seconded by Dave Wagner. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karla Smith

**Approved By:**

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Chuck Schafer, Secretary PCSWCD