

Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

September Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the September meeting of the Peoria County SWCD to order at 8:32 a.m. on September 10, 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 Lorance	A
Karla Smith	P	Chuck Schafer	P	Marty Behrends	P
Dan Sahm	P	Troy Wagenbach	P	Charles Rice	P
Wilson Yingling	P	Dave Wagner	P	Arlan Janssen	P
Vicki Morrival	A			Betty Gorman	A
				Derek Menold	P
				Dennis Herrmann	P

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August meeting. Ted Gilles moved to approve the minutes. Chuck Schafer seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial reports for August. Dave Wagner made the motion to approve the financial reports from August. Ted Gilles seconded. Motion passed.

Staff Reports

Karla reported that 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. She worked the AISWCD booth at the state fair in Conservation World. Took some time off for the state fair and a long weekend in Minnesota. She was also sick for a few days. Josh had a field visit on Justin Sprout's property regarding CPP sign up for next year. He finished his portion of CRP sign-ups by getting signatures. He finished the Fall Newspaper and will be hitting mailboxes this week. He has been working with some CRP people for the seeding program next spring. He is preparing for the Career Sparks event in October. He worked with Chris Haring to bring a group to look at the CAT Streambank sites. Ag In the Classroom presentations began this month. He dealt with some building issues this past month, the water filtration system and power to the shed. Jeremy is preparing for year end, cleaning up projects, finishing modifications for CSP

contracts. Our district group has one more EQIP contract that has been funded. He oversaw 50 new CRP contracts that were completed by Wilson, Dan and Josh. Dan has been working on CSP applications, forestry practices checkout to get payments to landowners. He is continuing to work on livestock contracts. Wilson has been contacting people with CRP contracts and CSP modifications to get signatures.

Conservation Application

EQIP, CSP, CRP, CREP:

Update Watersheds Watershed Survey:

Partners for conservation

Project Update:

Payment Approval:

Cost Share Prioritization:

New Business

Annual Meeting: Brimfield American Legion has been confirmed for February 15, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. with breakfast, charging \$11. A \$200 Deposit is required. Karla will send this week.

Fish Sales: Fish Sales are slow, hopefully with the paper out this week, sales will pick up.

Miscellaneous: A donation was approved to the Illinois River Valley Chapter of Pheasants Forever to help with the Hunter Safety Class and trap shoot. Dave Wagner made the motion to donate \$100. Chuck Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business.

Tri-County Erosion Control Ordinance Agreement: Josh received the first draft on Monday. Will have Al look over the draft on Wednesday. Tazewell County will pay Peoria County \$2000 per year, starting October 1st. Also starting on October 1, 2024, Al will be receiving a raise discussed at the August Meeting of \$40.

Miscellaneous:

Building

Lease: Josh has been in contact with a new lease agent. The old lease agent has been out on leave. Our lease is waiting for a signature, we confirmed that we will receive the back amount from May of 2024 to when the new lease is finalized.

Miscellaneous:

Operations

Time sheets and mileage reports: signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence:

Legislative Updates

State and Federal:

Communications

AISWCD: Dr Woods was let go as executive director on August 19, 2024. Grant Hammer is the Interim Executive Director.

NACD:

BLWR: Current packet in the board folder.

Strategic Planning

Client Service Plan update: none

Volunteer Hours:

Next Meeting –The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 8:30 AM.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. by Ted Gilles. Seconded by Dave Wagner. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karla Smith

Approved By:

Chuck Schafer, Secretary PCSWCD