

Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

February Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the February meeting of the Peoria County SWCD to order at 8:30 a.m. on February 11, 2025. 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	A	Marty Behrends	P
Wilson Yingling	P	Troy Wagenbach	P	Charles Rice	P
Kane Caudle	P	Dave Wagner	P	Arlan Janssen	P
Vickie Morriscal	A			Betty Gorman	A
				Derek Menold	P
				Dennis Herrmann	A

Approval of Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda for the February meeting, Dave Wagner moved to approve the agenda, Ted Gilles seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the January 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 January. Dave Wagner made the motion to approve the financial reports from January. 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 finished and sent the W-2's and 1099's. Fish and tree orders are starting to come in. She attended an employee board meeting. Karla and Josh attended a closing for the CREP Davenport ground. Josh went on a Cultural Resource Review on the Rickey/Menold site. He has been working on the seed mixes with Nick. Currently working with Jodi to get a list of customers for spring seeding. He is also preparing for the CRP meeting on February 22. Also getting ready for the Annual Meeting. Josh coordinated getting the ranger serviced. He submitted the annual Vegetative Filter Strip report and helped Karla with the NLRs report. Josh continued to work with Larry Kelch on the furnace issue, all is well right now. Jeremy talked about the pause in funding for IRA contracts, also talked about teleworking, not to happen right now. There is a hiring freeze in the

government, interns for the summer are questionable. Work is shifting from CSP contracts to EQIP deadline, which is February 20. Jeremy spoke at an Organic Grain and Trade Conference in Champaign last week. Wilson finished up the CSP payments and is working on CSP Contracts. Wilson, along with Kane attended Pipeline Training. Kane is still training.

Conservation Application

EQIP, CSP, CRP, CREP: Jake and Amanda Davenport closed on their CREP Easement February 6. They started the process in 2015.

Update Watersheds Watershed Survey:

Partners for conservation

Project Update:

Payment Approval:

Cost Share Prioritization:

New Business

Annual Meeting: February 15 at 8:00 AM

Agenda: set

Attendance: We have around 90 people registered to attend. Karla has talked with the Legion and is planning on 95 people.

Certification of Directors: Karla got Derek's signature

Door prizes: Karla and Josh will get these organized.

Local Work Group Meeting: We need to have a Local Work Group Meeting per our grant agreement. This needs to be done sometime in March. There could be a chance that we receive \$10,000 from NRCS via the AISWCD. Discussion was held and it was decided to have a Local Work Group Meeting on March 29, 2025, from 10 – noon. Josh and Jeremy will start working more on this and have information at the next meeting.

CRP Meeting: February 22 at 10 AM

Miscellaneous: The LUC Envirothon is March 19th. We need to send \$200 dues notices out to the districts on our council to cover expenses. This is Arlan Janssen's last meeting. He is resigning from being an Associate Board Member. Thanks were given to Arlan for his years of service.

Old Business.

Miscellaneous:

Building

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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, March 11, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m. by Ted Gilles. Seconded by Dave Wagner. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karla Smith

Approved By:

Chuck Schafer, Secretary PCSWCD