

# Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

## January Minutes

### Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the January meeting of the Peoria County SWCD to order at 8:35 a.m. on December 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
Wilson Yingling	P	Troy Wagenbach	A	Charles Rice	P
Kane Caudle	P	Dave Wagner	P	Arlan Janssen	P
Vickie Morriscal	A			Betty Gorman	P
				Derek Menold	A
				Dennis Herrmann	A

### Approval of Agenda

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

### Approval of Minutes

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

### Approval of the Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial reports for December. Dave Wagner made the motion to approve the financial reports from November. 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 is currently working on W-2's and 1099's to get them out by the end of the month. She has started working on the paperwork for the Annual Meeting. Karla helped Josh finish the winter newsletter. She enjoyed time with her family over Christmas. Josh spent the middle of December finishing up CPP Projects, having the participants finish the STAR form was a challenge. He has been working with Austin Ramirez for increased job approval authority on WASCOB's. Josh updated advertisers for the 2025 year of the Resource Report, he finished the Winter edition. He is trying to connect with Nick Vespa to get seed prices and seed ordered. Josh is working with Jodi on having a meeting about CRP on February 22. Josh finished updating his CPESC certification, he sat in on Zoom call with Kane-DuPage SWCD to talk about tax levy's. This month's AITC lesson is

about horseradish and peaches. Jeremy has been working on getting the CSP renewal contracts obligated. There will be a new chief for NRCS, the Farm Bill has been extended, which changed all the deadlines for CSP and EQIP. Wilson has been working on CSP Annual payments and contract renewals, EQIP modifications, performing 2<sup>nd</sup> level NRI reviews. Kane is still training.

### **Conservation Application**

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

**Update Watersheds Watershed Survey:** March 19<sup>th</sup> will be an informational meeting about the Kickapoo Creek Watershed Project, 5-7 pm at the Peoria County Farm Bureau.

### **Partners for conservation**

**Project Update:** Josh handed out a final breakdown of the FY '23 Cost Share Projects.

#### **Payment Approval:**

**Cost Share Prioritization:** Josh has been in contact with Clarence Catton, he had a CPP project done a few years ago. The basin needs to be repaired due to a design flaw. Dave Wagner made the motion to put this project on our FY '24 Cost Share List. Chuck Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **New Business**

**Annual Meeting:** February 15 at 8:00 AM

**Program:** Ross Pauli, nominations, Pledge – Invocation -

**Certification of Directors:** Need Derek's signature

**Door prizes:** You can bring in door prizes to Karla

**Tickets:** They are ready, please pick up after meeting

#### **Statement of Economic Interest:**

**CRP Meeting:** February 22 at 10 AM

**Miscellaneous:** The Illinois Soybean Association has extended an offer for free membership to all SWCD Employees and Board Members. The Soy Promoters asked for a door prize donation, Ted Gilles made the motion to donate 20 trees of your choice. Dave Wagner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Old Business.**

**Miscellaneous:**

### **Building**

**Miscellaneous:** There is a furnace issue on the Northwest corner of the building. Josh will get ahold of Larry to look at it.

### **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, February 11, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

**Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 9:07 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