

Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

June Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the June meeting of the Peoria County SWCD to order at 8:30 a.m. on June 10th, 2025. The meeting was held at the USDA Service Center Conference Room.

Attendance (P=Present, A=Absent)

STAFF		DIRECTORS		ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS	
Jeremy Beck	P	Jerry Wyatt	P	Ron Gilles	P
Josh Joseph	P	Dave Wagner	P	Anita Lorange	P
Karla Smith	P	Chuck Schafer	P	Marty Behrends	P
Wilson Yingling	A	Troy Wagenbach	P	Charles Rice	P
Vicki Morrical	A	Derek Menold	P	Ted Gilles	P
				Betty Gorman	A
				Dennis Herrmann	A

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May meeting. Derek Menold moved to approve the minutes. Dave Wagner seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial reports for May. Derek Menold made the motion to approve the financial reports from April. Troy Wagenbach 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 attended meetings for the Summer Conference, Soil Health Training, DMS Training, and CRP. She attended the field day out at Shirley Johnson's farm. She has been working on the budget and evaluations for 2026. Karla picked up the screens from Brimfield Hardware and her and Josh put them back in the windows. He spent time looking at the CPP prioritization list and seeing when they would be ready to start construction. Custom Seeding finished on May 16th. They seeded about 124 Acres for 15 landowners. He is trying to finish up the news paper to get it out for summer. Josh attended the Soil Health training. He took time off for graduation season. Josh met with the landscaping company to discuss the decision from last meeting and talk about the back of building. Josh and Karla will be attending Soil Health Training next Tuesday. Jeremy

talked about finishing the EQIP applications that had been approved and are now obligated. 24 were picked up in our District Group, \$1.7 million worth of work will be done. There are 73 CSP Applications to go through for funding. Peoria County has 23. CRP, Peoria County has made 55 offers between renewals, continuous, and general. There are 180 Active Contracts, the contract reviews are done. Jeremy also attend Shirley Johnson's field day. There are no updates on reorganization. There is a Soil Health Field Day on June 27th, sponsored by Woodford Co SWCD, this will be at ICC campus. No report from Wilson, he was absent.

Conservation Application

EQIP, CSP, CRP, CREP:

Update Watersheds Watershed Survey:

Partners for conservation

Project Update:

Payment Approval:

Cost Share Prioritization: Prioritization list was sent around and discussed. This is for FY '25. Troy Wagenbach made the motion to approve the list, Chuck Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passes.

New Business

Summer Conference: July 20 – 21, Reservations have been made and registrations sent in. Chuck brought in an item for the auction. A Resolution was in the board packet. 2025-01 was discussed, the board gave Jerry the authority to vote as he sees fit during the annual meeting.

Budget: The budget for FY '26 was in the board packet. Karla went through the budget, she highlighted bigger changes to it. Discussion was held and questions were answered. Dave Wagner made the motion to approve the FY '26 Budget. Chuck Schafer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Evaluations: The board met in executive session after the meeting to perform staff evaluations.

Audit: We have a letter of intent for the audit. This year it will cost \$4050 to have it done. Dave Wagner made the motion to have Douglas W Irwing & Co., LTD perform the audit. Derek Menold seconded. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous: The NACD Annual Meeting is being held in Milwaukee, WI July 25 – 29. The road signs are available to order, they are 3 ft by 4 ft for \$100. The Highway departments will buy them up. Discussion was held. Troy Wagenbach made the motion to order 5 signs for Peoria County. Derek Menold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business.

Shirley Johnson Field Day: Very Well Attended. Very interesting program and tour. Dan did a good job speaking on behalf of NRCS.

Custom Seeding: Finished on May 16. Profit \$4,655.45

Miscellaneous:

Building

Landscaping: Josh has been in contact with Jon from Mark Hoerr Landscaping. We have approved the front of the building, removing bushes, repairing the site. There also has been a bid for the back of the building to pull out the grass and mulch the area. Mowing would be easier, save the air conditioner units and the generator. The total estimate came in at around \$3000. Troy Wagenbach made the motion to work on the landscape around the building. Derek Menold seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Miscellaneous: Karla talked about the electrical issues that we had here on Monday. It was decided that the District would get some surge protectors for FSA side of the building and they would replace them when they can with their budget. Josh also needs to get a new rope for the flagpole and take the old rope down. Derek Menold volunteered to help with this project.

Operations

Time sheets and mileage reports: signed by the Chairman.

Correspondence:

Legislative Updates

State and Federal: The bill to fund SWCD's was not voted on. Not sure of the process now.

Communications

AISWCD:

NACD:

BLWR: May/June report is in board packets

Strategic Planning

Client Service Plan update: none

Volunteer Hours: Turned in

Next Meeting –The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am motion by Dave Wagner, seconded by Derek Menold. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karla Smith

Approved By:

Chuck Schafer, Secretary PCSWCD