

Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

May Minutes

Call to Order

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the May meeting of the Peoria County SWCD to order at 8:30 a.m. on May 13th, 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	A
Karla Smith	P	Chuck Schafer	P	Marty Behrends	P
Wilson Yingling	P	Troy Wagenbach	P	Charles Rice	P
Vicki Morrical	A	Derek Menold	P	Ted Gilles	P
				Betty Gorman	A
				Dennis Herrmann	P

Approval of Agenda

The Board reviewed the agenda for the May meeting, Troy Wagenbach moved to approve the agenda, and Derek Menold seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes of the April meeting. Dave Wagner moved to approve the minutes. Troy Wagenbach seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of the Financial Report

The Board reviewed the financial reports for April. Derek Menold made the motion to approve the financial reports from April. Dave Wagner 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 tree wrapping day and pick-up days. Karla, along with Chuck, planted trees for the Green Trees/Green Communities Program. She had meetings for the Summer Conference Planning Committee and met with the Landscaping company to discuss removal of shrubs. Karla and Jodi worked on making sure all posters, notices, or statements are visible in the foyer. Josh and Karla removed the screens, and Karla washed the windows before putting the screens back in. Josh met with Charles Rice for a CPP project. He verified 2 fields for the IDOA Program. He has been busy with visits to sites for the seeding program, he picked up the seed, sorted and organized it. He is hoping to have everything planted by Friday. The Ag-in-the-Classroom finished visits in April. He took the screens to Brimfield Hardware for repair. They just called and are finished. Up

coming events are Soil Health Training, Graduation for Sophia, and a niece and nephew. He will be taking time off to prepare for a party. Jeremy gave program updates: EQIP Funding Decision were made. Our District Group has 26 applications that were approved for \$2.1 Million. Obligation deadline is May 30th. CSP deadline was May 2nd. Peoria County received 23 Applications. CRP opened yesterday for sign-up; it closes on June 6th. Compliance reviews are happening right now. Wilson has been working on EQIP applications, EQIP payments, and Compliance Reviews.

Conservation Application

EQIP, CSP, CRP, CREP:

Update Watersheds Watershed Survey: The Kickapoo Creek Plan is close to sending to the EPA for final review.

Partners for conservation

Project Update: Clarence Catton Design Flaw: The dry dam that was built years ago is over capacity. Josh was asking if it would be alright to redesign it to meet specifications and put his name on the cost share list.

Payment Approval:

Cost Share Prioritization:

New Business

Summer Conference: Being held July 20 – 22, Registrations are out, and Hotel rooms are ready to be booked. Jerry Wyatt and Chuck Schafer both expressed interest in going. Karla will send in reservations and book hotel rooms.

Shirley Johnson Field Day: June 6th at her farm on Cameron Lane. Flyer was sent around with information.

Custom Seeding: Over half done with planting, hope to be done by the end of the week.

Miscellaneous: CD was renewed at F&M Bank for 9 months at 3.82% LUC 5 will have a meeting if there are resolutions to go over in June.

Old Business.

Local Work Group Meeting: Word came out last week that we will get funding for hosting this meeting.

Tree Sale: Went smooth, Profit of about \$2,500.00

Miscellaneous:

Building

Landscaping: Estimate for removing bushes, dig out stumps and roots, smooth area and prep for mulch is \$2,260.00 Discussion was held about if we (board members) could do this, Troy Wagenbach made the motion to let Mark Hoerr Landscaping Inc take care of this. Jerry Wyatt seconded. It was mentioned to also see if they would remove sod from the back of the building to reduce mowing around the generator and air conditioners. Motion passed.

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: Turned in

Next Meeting –The next meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 8:30 AM.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 9:05 am motion by Dave Wagner, seconded by Derek Menold.
Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karla Smith

Approved By:

Chuck Schafer, Secretary PCSWCD