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| Raber Packing Co. | Elmwood Place |
| Weaver's Fresh Food & Drink | My Place in Yates City |
| Hog Trof | Smith Farms |
| Hickory River Smokehouse | |
| Jubilee Café | |
| Red Lobster | |
| Harvester Meat Co | |
| Olive Garden | |
| Pottstown Meat & Deli | |
| Gil's Supper Club | |
| Elmwood Locker | |
| Elmwood Tap | |



*Peoria County
Soil & Water
Conservation District
83rd Annual Meeting
Fiscal Year 2023
February 17, 2024
Brimfield American Legion, Brimfield, IL*

ANNUAL MEETING

February 17, 2024

Brimfield American Legion

Brimfield, IL

Welcome to the Annual Meeting of the Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District. This year's meeting is being co-sponsored by the Peoria County SWCD, And Compeer Financial- Edwards Office
Pledge.....Josh Joseph

InvocationMarty Behrends

BREAKFAST

Call to Order..... Ted Gilles

Introductions..... Josh Joseph

Approval of the 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes ...Ted Gilles

Approval of the 2023 Financial Statement ...Ted Gilles

Report of Nominating Committee and Election of 2024 Board of Directors ... Arlan Janssen

Conservation Programs Update... Josh Joseph & Jeremy Beck

Service Awards Ted Gilles & Josh Joseph

Chairman's Address Jerry Wyatt

ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

DOOR PRIZES

CONSERVATION COST-SHARE PRACTICES

Completed With FY 2022 or 2023 Funds

It's been another busy year in Peoria County. Listed below is a brief description of programs and practices applied through programs using both State and Federal funding.

Conservation Practices Program (CPP)

Made possible through Partners For Conservation Funds

WASCOB	13
Tile	2,810 Feet
Grade Stab Structure	2
Seed	3.5 Acres
Waterways	1.4 Acres
No-Till/Strip-Till	38.3 Acres

USDA—NRCS Conservation Contracts

Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
FY '23—7 Contracts, \$213,957, 1966 Acres
Active—22 Contracts, \$1,334,384, 12,202 Acres

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP)
FY '23—10 Contracts, \$626,186, 825 Acres
Active—15 Contracts, \$908,494, 1100 Acres

Select Conservation Practices Applied FY '23	
Conservation Cover	312 Acres
Conservation Crop Rotation	4,556 Acres
Field Borders	86 Acres
Filter Strips	33 Acres
Forest Stand Improvement	52 Acres
Grassed Waterways	12 Acres
Nutrient Management	163 Acres
No-Till	124 Acres
Subsurface Drain	1,680 Feet

TO OUR FRIENDS IN CONSERVATION

We are very fortunate to have a great District staff, NRCS and FSA staff, Directors and Associate Directors who devote many hours to our District. We appreciate all the volunteers who have helped us during the year. The people who help us during tree week, fish sales and other special events have been amazing.

I would also like to recognize the organizations that have provided major technical and financial support to the Peoria Co SWCD. Thanks to the Illinois Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Land and Water Resources, the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service, as well as continued support from the Peoria County Board and staff.

Jerry Wyatt, Chairman

HIGHLIGHTS OF FISCAL YEAR 2023

ACTIVITIES

(July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)

- Held Native Prairie Burn Clinic
- Continued loan program for burn equipment
- Tree Sale conducted
- Held Spring and Fall Fish Sales
- Held Prairie Plant Sale
- Continued contract with Peoria County to review and inspect construction sites according to the Erosion, Sediment, & Stormwater Control Ordinance
- Promoted watershed activities in the county
- Followed up on rural and urban property owners' concerns/visits
- Worked with City of Peoria on urban issues
- Provided Peoria Co. Zoning Board with available resource information
- Cooperated with NRCS to provide technical assistance for resource conservation planning and conservation practice application activities through CRP CSP and EQIP and administrative assistance
- Provided administrative assistance to IDNR for Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
- Partners For Conservation Funds
 - CPP Program cost-share for conservation practices
 - SSRP Program cost-share for stream bank projects
- Shared common interest, concerns, and problems about conservation and water resource issues with quality partners
- Participated in Land Use Council 5
- Promoted Custom Seeding Program
- Published Quarterly newspaper



PEORIA COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

6715 NORTH SMITH ROAD
EDWARDS, ILLINOIS 61528

DIRECTORS

Chairman....Jerry Wyatt

Vice Chairman....Ted Gilles

Secretary....Chuck Schafer

Treasurer....Troy Wagenbach

Member....Dave Wagner

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

Ron Gilles, Betty Gorman, Anita Lorange,

Marty Behrends, Charles Rice, Arlan Janssen, Derek Menold

DISTRICT STAFF

Karla Smith....Administrative Coordinator

Josh Joseph....Resource Conservationist

Al Schneider....Urban Engineer

NRCS STAFF

Jeremy Beck....District Conservationist

Dan Sahn...Soil Conservationist

Wilson Yingling—Soil Conservationist

Vicki Morrical....Landscape Architect

Ethan Scholl ... Area Engineer

The Peoria County Soil and Water Conservation District's annual sales are in progress. This includes trees, and fish.

Our tree sale offers a large variety of spruces, pines, hardwoods, and shrubs. Our fish sale for pond stocking includes: sunfish, bluegill, catfish, largemouth bass, redear, crappie, minnows, and grass carp.

Please place your **tree order by March 22**. **Grass Carp orders due by March 15**. Please place your **fish orders by March 29**. **Pick up date for fish is April 6**; **trees are April 19 & 20**. Please see brochures for specific times.

AGAIN THIS YEAR: Pick-up will be at our outbuilding at 6715 N Smith Rd, Edwards, for both sales.

Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Statement July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

	Receipts	Expenses	
Beginning Balance			\$ 311,815.63
ITEM:			
USDA Lease Income	\$ 86,680.20		
Interest	\$ 6,229.10		
IL Dept of Ag Operations	\$ 81,958.76		
Peoria County- Tax Levy	\$ 14,776.31		
Urban Erosion Ordinance	\$ 11,157.22		
Contractual Work	\$ 29,517.17		
SALES:			
Trees	\$ 8,423.12		
Fish	\$ 27,273.95		
Prairie Plant	\$ 1,066.00		
Custom Seeding	\$ 55,844.38		
PROMOTIONAL:			
Meetings & Annual Meeting	\$ 706.04		
Newsletter Ads	\$ 8,234.29		
Miscellaneous	\$ 195.09		
TOTAL INCOME:			\$ 332,061.63
BUILDING EXPENSES:			
Outside Storage Shed & Landscaping		\$ 7,133.00	
Building Maintenance		\$ 112,892.82	
Building Ins, Taxes, Utilities, Etc		\$ 32,378.25	
OPERATIONS:			
Employee Salaries		\$ 99,038.95	
Employee Benefits & Taxes		\$ 17,383.61	
Employee Travel & Training		\$ 3,931.05	
Office Operations		\$ 4,683.91	
Office Supplies, Equipment & Repair		\$ 3,166.38	
Dues		\$ 121.00	
Insurance		\$ 637.00	
SALES			
Trees		\$ 4,691.50	
Fish		\$ 20,746.00	
Prairie Plants		\$ 756.00	
Custom Seeding Expense		\$ 44,032.27	
PROMOTIONAL			
Equipment Purchase & Repair		\$ 734.42	
Meeting, Tour, Demos, Annual Mtg		\$ 3,286.14	
Newsletter & Website		\$ 7,749.44	
Donations		\$ 366.30	
Miscellaneous		\$ 192.62	
TOTAL EXPENSES:			\$ 363,920.66
ENDING BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2022			\$ 279,956.60
PROGRAM: CPP FY '22 available	\$ 37,557.16		
PROGRAM: CPP FY '22 spent in County		\$ 38,122.66	
PROGRAM: CPP FY'23 available	\$ 30,565.56		
CD AT F & M BANK	\$ 25,837.55		
TOTAL ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023			\$ 305,794.15

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Peoria county Soil & Water Conservation District was held on Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Brimfield High School, Brimfield, IL. Josh Joseph welcomed the group of 147 to the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Marty Behrends led the invocation for the breakfast meeting. Josh released the tables for breakfast, which was prepared and served by the cooks from Brimfield High School.

Chairman Jerry Wyatt called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

After breakfast was over, Josh Joseph introduced the Board Members and their spouses, Associate Board Members and their spouses, Staff and their families, and other distinguished guests. Guests represented at the meeting were: Peoria County Board Members: Steve Rieker, Brian Elsasser, and Matt Windish. Steve Rieker gave an update on the county and projects that are going on throughout the county. He handed out a brochure that explained the Peoria County budget. Other guests included Marty McManus of the IDoA, Patrick Kirchofer and Richard Carroll from the Peoria County Farm Bureau, Travis Eisele, CED for Peoria County FSA, Troy Lazelle, CPO. Josh introduced Claire Helmke and Tyler Stratman, Western Illinois Graduate Students, studying bobcats. Together they spoke to the audience about their study of bobcats in the area and being able to track them. They are looking for people who are willing to let them come onto their property to trap and tag a cat in order to study their surroundings. It was a very informative talk. They also took questions from the audience.

Jerry Wyatt, Chairman, resumed the 79th Annual Meeting of the PCSWCD. He thanked the cooks for a good breakfast, and everyone agreed. He then gave the Chairman's address and thanked the board and staff and volunteers for making this a successful year for the District.

Chairman Wyatt presented the minutes of the FY'18 meeting. Ross Pauli moved to accept the minutes as written. James Schafer seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Wyatt presented the FY'19 Financial Report. Dennis Homan moved to approve the FY'19 Financial Report. Bruce Scarcliff seconded. Motion passed.

Chairman Wyatt then presented the Service Awards. Karla Smith, Administrative Coordinator was recognized for working for the District for 5 years. Josh Joseph was then recognized for his 20 years of service of working for the District. Congratulations were given to them.

Chairman Wyatt then called on Arlan Janssen to give the nomination report. Arlan reported that the nominating committee had brought the names of David Wagner, Troy Wagenbach and Jerry Wyatt as the slate of candidates to serve 2-year terms on the Board of Directors for the Peoria County Soil & Water Conservation District. Arlan Janssen asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Being that there were none, Brian Elsasser moved to accept the slate of candidates and cast a unanimous ballot for David, Troy and Jerry to serve on the Board of Directors for 2-year terms. Ron Gilles seconded. Motion passed.

Scott Wallace, District Conservationist, spoke on behalf of the NRCS. He talked about the programs that are available to farmers.

Josh Joseph returned to the podium to give the SWCD update. He talked about funding and different programs that we do. Our sales are currently going on and we are always looking for volunteers to help.

Josh Joseph then turned the attention to our 2020 Conservation Award. He gave the highlights of Frank Learned and his conservation efforts. After receiving the award, Frank took the mic and thanked the Board for this honor.

Ted Gilles made the motion to adjourn the 79th Annual Meeting of the Peoria County Soil & Water Conservation District. Don Stahl seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.

77 Door prizes were then handed out.

Respectfully submitted,
 Karla Smith, Administrative Coordinator for
 Chuck Schafer, Secretary