

WOODFORD COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
**** AGENDA ****

Date: Tuesday January 28, 2025

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: USDA NRCS office: 937 W Center St. Eureka, IL 61530

Please text, call, or email me by noon on Monday January 27 if you will not be able to attend.

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Call to Order –

Approval of Minutes – December 18, 2024

Approval of Financial Accounts Report – December 2024

Approval of Time Sheets –

Partners for Conservation –

Conservation Plans –

Zoning –

Reports –

NRCS/SWCD Team Report

Old Business –

1/ WBPC update

2/ Board Election

3/ Plat books

4/ AISWCD LWG requirements

New Business –

1/ CREP easement subordination

2/ Statement of Economic Interest

3/ Extension 4H funding request

4/ Survey Aide Contract Correction

Other Business-

Adjourn

**WOODFORD COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

December 18, 2024

The December 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Woodford County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 8:08 AM by Chairman Mark Rocke. The meeting was held at 937 W. Center St, Eureka IL.

Present:

Those present included Board Members Mark Rocke, Mary Jo Adams, Glenn Busenitz, Gail Fisher and Darrin Schertz; office staff: SWCD Diane Freeman RC/AC and Marissa Iverson SA, NRCS staff, Jeremy Beck DC, Kyra Herron SCT.

Absent:

Blake Retherford, SC, PCM representative Aidan Walton.

Minutes:

Motion made by Busenitz, seconded by Schertz to approve the November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Motion made by Adams, seconded by Schertz to accept the November 2024 Financial Reports and disbursements as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Time Sheets:

Time sheets for Freeman and Iverson for the pay periods of 11/18/24-12/1/2024 and 12/2/24-12/15/24 were brought to the Board. Motion made by Schertz, seconded by Busenitz to approve the Time Sheets as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Partners for Conservation:

Bills paid for 203-181 for \$2,961 for cover crops. Waiting for final bills on a waterway, and we were just authorized for money from two other SWCD to be transferred to our Cost Share account so we can pay another waterway bill with FY23 funds. Bills for another cover crop claim are in and will be paid by FY24 funds.

Conservation Plans:

Three plans for CSP signed so far. Remainder of the CSP renewals will be signed this week as they are obligated.

Zoning:

Nothing

SWCD/NRCS Team Report:

The SWCD Team Report for December 2024 was reviewed and discussed. Copy attached. Kyra reported that as the survey season ended, she has been helping with the CSP obligation deadline

and working on job approval. Jeremy reported that the entire office has been working on getting the CSP renewal applications obligated. There are 28 in our DG, 21 of which are in Woodford. The Soil Con position in Eureka closed and Riley Babcock has accepted the position. Her start date is December 30.

Old Business:

WBPC update- On December 12 the engineers from Baird-Stantec, Mayor Smith, NRCS Engineer Matt Robert, DC Beck, SWCD staff Freeman and Iverson, along with Board members Roche and Adams toured the WBPC watershed area in the village of Roanoke. A public meeting has been set for January 22 at 2 pm at the City Building for the Engineers to discuss the project and solicit comments from the public. A website has also been set up for information and public comments.

Board Election-Petition to hold an election was submitted to IDOA on December 2. News releases about election day will go out in a few weeks to the Woodford Journal and on FSA's e-gov platform.

Plat Books-Rockford map has given a quote of \$17/book for a 2026 Plat Book. The book would be ready in November of 2025.

SWCD Website compliance-A second quote was received for doing an ADA compliant website. This quote from 309 Marketing Group was \$599 a month. Since the deadline to comply is not until April of 2027 we will continue to search for more cost-effective options.

New Business:

Winter Training-RC Freeman and SA Iverson attended winter training in Springfield. Many upcoming changes in requirements to receive IDOA funding were discussed, and opportunities to participate in an agreement with NRCS/AISWCD to secure additional funding dollars was discussed.

AISWCD agreement with NRCS – At Winter Training, several opportunities for additional funding were presented through an NRCS-SWCD IRA funded Agreement. Reconvening Local Work Groups with one meeting a year over three years would give the District \$10,000 each year for a total of \$30,000, Assisting with watershed planning, and doing Climate Smart Ag education and outreach were also offered, but the details of SWCD responsibilities for these were not clear, As a result, a motion was made by Schertz, seconded by Adams to participate in the Local Work Group portion of the Agreement. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Tree Sale- Board member Adams agreed to look through the trees being offered from Winding Creek and choose some for our spring tree sale.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Busenitz, seconded by Schertz. All Ayes. Motion carried.

December 18, 2024 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:25 AM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

Approved by:

Diane Freeman RC/AC

Board Member