

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

Date: Wednesday December 18, 2024

Time: 8:00 AM

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

Please text, call, or email me by noon on Tuesday December 17 if you will not be able to attend.

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Call to Order –

Approval of Minutes – November 26, 2024

Approval of Financial Accounts Report – November 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/ SWCD Website compliance

New Business –

1/ Winter Training

2/ AISWCD agreement with NRCS

3/ Tree sale

Other Business-

Adjourn

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

November 26, 2024

The November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting of the Woodford County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 8:10 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, Blake Retherford SC, Kyra Herron SCT.

Absent:

PCM representative Aidan Walton.

Minutes:

Motion made by Schertz, seconded by Fisher to approve the October 29, 2024 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

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

Time Sheets:

Time sheets for Freeman and Iverson for the pay periods of 10/22/24-11/3/24 and 11/4/24-11/17/24 were brought to the Board. Motion made by Busenitz, seconded by Adams to approve the Time Sheets as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Partners for Conservation:

Bills paid for 203-144 for \$4,500 for a waterway. Two waterways have been completed for this fall, just waiting on bills. Two cover crop claims should be coming in also. Depending on timing we may be asking for more FY23 funds from IDOA.

Conservation Plans:

No plans signed. CSP renewals will be completed in December so we will have some to sign then.

Zoning:

One landowner dispute as to who is backing water up on who has led to Julie from Zoning coming up to the office for maps, and we discussed the natural flow of water in that area. One of the neighbors involved also came in asking for topo maps.

SWCD/NRCS Team Report:

The SWCD Team Report for November 2024 was reviewed and discussed. Copy attached. Kyra reported that she has been busy with survey, design, construction checkouts, and pre-construction conferences. She sat in on the CSP peer reviews this week. Blake has been working on CSP renewals and payments this month. Woodford had 21 get renewed and our DG had 28. Everyone who wanted to move forward was funded. Jeremy reported that deadline to get these renewals to contract is December 20, and the last day to approve current contracts for payment in 2024 is December 13. Reminder that the deadlines for applications to be in for upcoming ranking periods is January 10 for CSP IRA funds and May 2 for Classic funds; EQIP deadline is February 28. The new

Soil Con Technician Kane Caudel has started in Peoria. A new Soil Con was chosen from the panel for the Woodford County opening. She will be starting sometime after the first of the year.

Old Business:

WBPC update- On December 12 from 9-11am the engineering firm will be meeting with the Roanoke village officials to take a tour of the watershed and ask/answer questions about the project. SWCD staff is encouraged to attend the meeting.

Board Election-Board member Adams and Rocke are up for re-election this winter. Petition for holding an election was signed by the Board and will be sent in to IDOA.

Streamline website-Communicated with Streamline after the last meeting, telling them that the Board will be looking in to other options to update their website and will not be making a decision to go with their proposal at this time. He topic will be brought up next week at our winter training so we may have more information then.

New Business:

Purchase of promotional tablecloth- Discussion regarding the joint purchase of a tablecloth for use at educational events with Peoria SWCD. The tablecloth would have our logos on it and be shared jointly between the Districts. Motion made by Adams, seconded by Busenitz to approve the purchase of a tablecloth with Peoria SWCD at a cost not to exceed \$500. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Plat book price reduction-Motion made by Schertz, seconded by Adams to reduce the price of our current 2022 plat book to \$15. All Ayes. Motion carried. Staff will also look into the price of getting a new book going with a late fall 2025 time frame.

December meeting-The regularly scheduled December board meeting date is December 24. Decision was made to change the date of the December meeting to Wednesday December 18 at 8am. Change will be posted on the website and in the office.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

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

November 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:09 AM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

Approved by:

Diane Freeman RC/AC

Board Member