



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RISWCD November Board Meeting Minutes ***Rescheduled* Tuesday, November 15th, 2022** **6:00 p.m. @ Milan USDA Service Center**

PRESENT

Nathan Oak, Treasurer/Secretary
Gary Blanchard, Chairman
Rich Stewart, RC
Dawn Temple, AC
Bill Parchert, Director
Wyatt Junis, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Bob Westpfahl, Rock Island County Rep

ABSENT

Chris Nordick, Director
Jason Flickinger, Director
Louis Liva PCM Specialist
Joey Deloian, RC II
Marty McManus, IDOA R.R.
Joe Gates, Conservation Specialist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Gary Blanchard called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Roll call was taken.

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Oak made motion to accept consent agenda items. Parchert seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. PFC

Projects presented for approval: Arlon Cox cover crops max out at \$3200.00. Keith Gorham cover crops max out at \$3200.00. Todd Reed pollinator for Spring 23 for \$339.60. Jason Dunnett 2 well sealings for \$800.00. Ken Ewert well sealing for \$750.00. Jeanean Kimball has been sent in and waiting for payment authorization. Wainwright's waterway is to be constructed soon as well as Virginia Brockett's rock chute structure. Parchert made a motion to approve projects. Blanchard seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. NRI/Zoning Reviews

Special Use permit for Tom Bridge, 3 Acres. Michael Buckley, 5 acres rezoned from AG to SE-1 in Coal Valley. Theresa Brown, 1 acre from Ag to Residential. Tim Baldwin, 10 acres from AG to Suburban Low-Density District. Parchert made motion to approve. Oak seconded, **MOTION PASSED.**

3. AISWCD Proposal for District Participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

Temple gave information about Districts now being eligible for IMRF. District is working to find out more information and whether it would be a good fit for district or not as well as eligibility requirements.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. FY23 Staffing Changes- Intern Position:

Interviewed 4 People, had a follow up interview for two, decided that interviewees had complimentary skills and with a surplus of available funds, we would hire both of them for part-time work. The first is Abby Campisi, a junior biology major at Augustana College. The other is a Freshman at Blackhawk, Sawyer Mital, grew up in area on Mill Creek. Started three weeks ago. Both are doing well. Position will likely run until end of fiscal year.

2. Copperas Creek/Mill Creek Watersheds

Westfahl entered meeting

Rich and Joey have been visiting landowners on both creeks. Mill Creek involvement among stakeholders has been less than hoped for. Still planning on having December 1st meeting at Sherrard High School. Rather than rushing through grant application, we will wait another year and fund projects in mean time with other cost share programs such as EQIP, PFC, CSP, and PCM. Draft plan was submitted to IEPA 11/30/22.

3. Strategic Planning

Tabled until full board is present.

6. STAFF REPORTS/Requests to Staff

Temple, Stewart and Junis provided written and oral reports. Deloian, Gates, NRCS & IDOA/BLWR gave written reports.

7. Next Board Meeting TBD in December.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Parchert and seconded by Blanchard at 6:47 p.m. to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Oak, Secretary/Treasurer