



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RISWCD Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, June 9th, 2020 5:00 p.m. Tailored Living Garage

PRESENT

Dawn Temple, AC
Gary Blanchard, Chair
Sally Ferguson, Associate Director
Brian Parkinson, Vice-Chair
Rich Stewart, RC
Julie Voelker, Director
Twila Cederstrom, Director
Joe Gates, Conservation Specialist

ABSENT

Jason Hessman, NRCS DC
Bob Westfahl, RI County Board
Rep.
Marty McManus, IDOA R.R.
Nathan Oak, Treasurer/Secretary

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gary Blanchard called the meeting to order at 5:14 PM. Roll call was taken.

2. Motion to Approve Consent Agenda including Timesheets, Bills & Staff/Partner Reports

Ferguson reviewed all items and states they look in order besides a few bank fees. Temple explained this had to do with the ongoing issues to get the new credit card set up and that bank account closed per prior discussions with many hindrances due to COVID related delays. No other concerns. Cederstrom made a motion to accept all consent agenda items minus the timesheets since Oak was not present to review. Voelker seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. PFC

Stewart presented the Scott Cowl SSRP project for final approval. Project is completed, bills are in, and total is \$17,521.80. Chris Haring signed off on it. Just need approval to submit to IDOA. Landowner will pay half under this program.

Stewart also had a well sealing application, but he forgot the paperwork so will defer to next meeting for approval. Cederstrom made a motion to approve the Crowl project. Voelker seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Copperas Creek Grant

Stewart reported that there are still delays with IEPA approving the projects we submitted for funding. The required ranking spreadsheet has been submitted over 2 weeks ago and we have not received a response. We cannot proceed until we receive IEPA approval from Chris Davis. The Parchert Jr. project approved from the prior grant is currently in progress.

3. Filter Strip Tax Incentive Applications

Stewart had 2 applications – Randy Reuther (site already verified) & Jim Coyne (still need to verify site specs). Blanchard made a motion to approve the Randy Reuther application. Parkinson seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Spring Plant Sale

Temple gave an update on the plant sale – pick-up of presale orders will be Thursday and then a walk-up sale will be held Friday. She reported that she spent \$25 on facebook advertising and 80-90% of sales have been new customers. Sales are up from last year. Online credit card sales have been going smoothly and no issues so far.

5. FY20 & FY21 Funding

We have received our annual contribution grants from Rock Island County and IDOA. IDOA has notified us that allocations will remain stable from prior year.

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Updates to IL SWCD Act

As of January 2020, there are some updates to the SWCD Act which were shared with the Board.

2. Recruitment of Directors & Associate Directors

Ferguson is continuing to work on board recruitment. Temple suggested Jake Coyne who participates on the Mill Creek Steering Committee and Voelker said she would try to ask around at Deere for some prospects.

6. Next Board Meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday July 7, 2020 at 5:00 pm. We will likely meet outside again.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Cederstrom and seconded by Parkinson to adjourn at 6:02 pm. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Oak, Secretary/Treasurer