



## ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### **RISWCD Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 5:00 p.m. Camden Park (outside)**

#### **PRESENT**

Dawn Temple, AC  
Gary Blanchard, Chair  
Sally Ferguson, Associate Director  
Wyatt Junis, NRCS  
Rich Stewart, RC  
Twila Cederstrom, Director  
Joe Gates, Conservation Specialist  
Marcus Thomas, Public  
Julie Voelker, Board Member  
Christine Nordick, Public  
EmiLee Novak, Graduate Intern  
Brain Ritter, Nahant Marsh

#### **ABSENT**

Marty McManus, IDOA R.R.  
Brian Parkinson, Vice-Chair  
Jason Hessman, NRCS  
Bob Westfahl, RI County Board Rep.  
Nathan Oak, Treasurer/Secretary

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chairman Gary Blanchard called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Roll call was taken.

\*Due to the nature of business, several agenda items were rearranged.

#### **2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **1. Nahant Marsh Conservation Education Program**

Brain Ritter, Executive Director, provided the group with Nahant Marsh's 2019 annual report. He also went into detail on Nahant's objectives: education, research, and conservation. Ritter provided the board with two potential Soil and Water Education Agreements. Option 1's goal is to reach approximately 3,000 students within Rock Island County for a total of \$8,000. Option 2 also has a goal of reaching approximately 3,000 students within Rock Island County along with two students (high school/recent high school grad) working at Nahant Marsh for field experience for a total of \$12,000. Both options provide programming on soil conservation, watershed, and pollinators. The board will review the options for future education programs and vote at a future meeting. Ferguson indicated that several revisions would be needed to the contract prior to voting on it.

Ritter exited meeting after his presentation.

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

Ferguson proposed review of minutes. The August meeting went into an Executive Session which needs to be revised on the previous minutes. Temple will review and make the revisions. Voelker made a motion to accept the consent agenda items per the updated minutes. Cederstom seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

2 guests were in attendance that are possibly interested in associate board director positions. Marcus Thomas and Christine Nordick.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONT.**

**2. Copperas Creek Grant**

Stewart provided an update on current and pending projects:

Parchert Jr. – Streambank – Completed

Dawn - submission of bill & invoice

Parchert III – Streambank – Waiting for review by a culture resource specialist

Gerdes – Streambank – design completed by Chris Haring

Parkinson – WASCOB – waiting on design from NRCS

Reid – Streambank – waiting on design from Chris Haring

Langman Construction – Streambank – waiting on design from Chris Haring

Parchert III – Dry Dam & Waterways – waiting on design from Joe Gates

BMPy Tour occurred with approximately 30 participants. The Tour received positive feedback from participants and speakers.

**3. Recruitment of Directors & Associate Directors**

Ferguson stated she has one possible board member director that is interested in replacing Cederstrom, Christine Nordick. Marcus Thomas is interested in being appointed as associate director. Voelker made a motion to appoint Marcus Thomas as associate director. Cederstom seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. FY21 Budget**

The budget was sent out for review to all Board members in advance. Temple would like to do a review after December to revise based on potential changes in funding and staffing. Voelker made a motion to accept FY21 budget as proposed with the intent to do a mid-year review. Cederstom seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

**7. Next Board Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 6th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. We will likely meet outside again.

8. **Adjourn**

**A motion was made by Cederstrom and seconded by Voelker to adjourn at 6:16 pm. MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Oak, Secretary/Treasurer