



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RISWCD Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, October 29th, 2020 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

PRESENT

Gary Blanchard, Chair
Brian Parkinson, Vice-Chair
Nathan Oak, Treasurer/Secretary
Sally Ferguson, Associate Director
Dawn Temple, AC
Rich Stewart, RC
Joe Gates, Conservation Specialist
Marcus Thomas, Public
Julie Voelker, Board Member
Christine Nordick, Public
EmiLee Novak, Graduate Intern

ABSENT

Marty McManus, IDOA R.R.
Jason Hessman, NRCS
Bob Westfahl, RI County Board Rep.
Wyatt Junis, NRCS

1. Call to Order

Chairman Gary Blanchard called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Roll call was taken.

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

Ferguson reviewed and everything was in order. A motion was made by Voelker, seconded by Oak to approve the consent agenda items. A roll call vote was taken- Nordick- Yes, Oak- Yes, Parkinson- Yes, Voelker- Yes, Blanchard- Yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

N/A

4. NEW BUSINESS

a. Nomination of New/Replacement Board Member

Cederstorm has resigned as Director; sent notice via email and was shared with all Board Directors. Chris Nordick accepted the nomination to fill the vacancy until the next election, effective immediately. A motion was made by Blanchard to appoint Chris Nordick as Director, Oak seconded. A roll call vote was taken: Oak- Yes, Parkinson- Yes, Voelker- Yes, Blanchard- Yes. Chris Nordick accepted the appointment. **MOTION PASSED.**

b. NRCS CRP & Admin FY21 MOU

Oak made a motion to accept FY21 MOU. Parkinson seconded. A roll call vote was taken- Nordick- Yes, Oak- Yes, Parkinson- Yes, Voelker- Yes, Blanchard- Yes.

MOTION PASSED.

c. NRCS Admin Assistant

Temple proposed adding a part- time position to help with CRP contracts and NRCS Admin work. Job description was sent out prior to meeting. Current intern, Kayli Puig will be appointed to take the position for a 1-year contract. Oak made a motion to accept proposed position of 10 hours/week at \$11.00/hour. Parkinson seconded. A roll call vote was taken- Nordick- Yes, Oak- Yes, Parkinson- Yes, Voelker- Yes, Blanchard- Yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

d. County Zoning Reviews

Stewart provided information on rezoning contracts the has District completed. The District gets \$400 for each contract completed.

e. Annual Plan of Work

Ferguson had some additions clarifications/corrections she shared before the meeting with Temple that have been incorporated. Ferguson also suggested the addition of research and provide cost benefit analysis for additional revenue sources that also support conservation and ensure and monitor compliance with all RISWCD Policies and Applicable Laws, to the annual plan. Oak made a motion to accept Annual Plan of Work with those revisions and additions. Voelker seconded. A roll call vote was taken- Nordick- Yes, Oak- Yes, Parkinson-Yes, Voelker- Yes, Blanchard- Yes. **MOTION PASSED.**

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. PFC

Skinner- Well- \$525.77

Thomson- Well- \$750.00

Cederstorm- Cover Crop- \$1600.00

Delsaille- Cover Crop- \$1600.00

Anderson- Cover Crop- \$1600.00

Derrer- Year 2 Cover Crop- \$1600.00

Hohenboken- Grassed waterway & bioreactor (extension)

Reed- WASCOP's

Parkinson made a motion to accept PFC. Voelker seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

b. Copperas Creek

Stewart reported on the status of projects. Parchert Jr. completed. Parchert III in progress. Others waiting on crops to come out for cultural resource reviews. 3 people signed up during 2nd sign-up period including a potential bioreactor. Status of the Parkinson project now in limbo due to transfer of ownership. Emilee is

working on drone footage video project. Still needing a saturated buffer project; no applicants thus far.

c. **Tree Sales**

Temple reported that this was the largest tree sale ever bringing in almost \$20,000 and selling almost 1,000 trees. Oak made suggestion to increase the price of 3-gallon trees in future tree sales from \$18 to \$20 and there were no disputes to doing so among directors. The increase will take effect in Spring.

6. **Next Board Meeting**

Tuesday December 8th at 5 pm via Zoom.

7. **Adjourn**

A motion was made by Oak and seconded by Parkinson to adjourn at 8:03 pm. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Oak, Secretary/Treasurer