



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RISWCD April Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 5th , 2022 5:00 p.m. @ Milan USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Chris Nordick, Director
Nathan Oak, Treasurer/Secretary
Dawn Temple, AC
Joey Deloian, RC II
Wyatt Junis, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Bill Parchert, Director
Bob Westfahl, Rock Island County Rep
Joe Gates, Conservation Specialist
Jason Flickinger, Director
Louis Liva PCM Specialist
Gary Blanchard, Chair

ABSENT

Marty McManus, IDOA R.R
Rich Stewart, RC

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chairman Chris Nordick called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Roll call was taken.

2. Discussion Of Consent Agenda Items

No Discussion on Consent Agenda Items

3. MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Oak made motion, Parchert seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election Results (Jason Officially Instated)

Jason Flickinger accepted his position as director.

2. PFC

SWCD staff asked for FY21 cost-share to be adjusted from 60% to 75% for FY21 in order to match the cost-share previously approved and provide more incentive with rising costs being an issue. Parchert made motion, Oak seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Projects for review include: McDaniel dry dam component changed from narrow

base to broad base WASCOB in order to better suit project and better reflect actual cost of project, from \$721.32 to \$1318.33 cost-share. Kimball's project amended from 60 to 75% cost-share; \$6,945 revised to \$8,682. Small waterway for Wainwright with maximum cost-share of \$1147.77. Girls WASCOB, formerly a Copperas Creek Project, but due to time constraints now a PFC project with cost-share up to \$1161.33. Oak made motion to approve proposed projects and changes, Parchert seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

Gary Blanchard entered meeting.

3. Farm Family of the Year Nomination

Rich nominated Drew Hohenboken and his family for this award. Joey listed off some of the conservation practices the Hohenbokens have implemented over the years, such as no-till on 450 acres, 20 years of filter strips, 15.3 acres of wildlife habitat, and many more. Parchert made motion to approve nomination, Nordick seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Filter Strip Property Tax Incentive

2 applications received, both from Jim Coyne, to receive a tax break of 1/6th on his filter strip acres. One application for 1.8 acres and one for 4.0 acres. Parchert made motion to approve, Blanchard seconded. **MOTION PASSED**

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Local Area Workgroup

Meeting went well, well rounded group of attendees. Survey results showed top concerns were: Agricultural BMP's, Water Quality and Soil Health, Wildlife Pollinator Habitat, and Streambank Stabilization. Will meet with Mark to go over next steps and talk about follow up Zoom Meeting. Will eventually do Staff and Board strategic planning.

2. Copperas Creek/Mill Creek Updates

Final draft report submitted, but no feedback received yet. Grant date ending in July. Copperas Creek Steering Committee meeting @ Illinois City Town Hall April 7th to discuss past projects with landowners, future interest, etc.

7. Requests to Staff

None

8. STAFF REPORTS

Deloian, Temple, Liva, Gates, and Junis provided written and oral reports, Stewart (not in attendance) provided a written report.

9. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday June 7th 2022 @ 5 p.m. at Milan office.

10. Adjournment

A motion was made by Oak and seconded by Blanchard at 6:15 p.m. to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Oak, Secretary/Treasurer