



## ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **ABSENT**

Marty McManus, IDOA R.R  
Chris Nordick, Director  
Jason Flickinger, Director

#### **1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Gary Blanchard called the meeting to order at 5:09 PM. Roll call was taken.

#### **2. MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Report is through month 11 of fiscal year (ended June 30). Oak made motion to approve the financial statements and bills. Parchert seconded. **MOTION PASSED.** Blanchard motioned to accept timesheets. Parchert seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. PCM Presentation:** Lou has officially been one year on the job and provided a refresher about his job, the program as a whole, and how the data collected is utilized and the benefits for farmers enrolled. He also gave an overview of the data findings thus far from the entire state, discussed enrollment and encouraged Board members to apply.

## 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 1. Local Area Workgroup/Strategic Planning

Dawn spoke about interest in having a demonstration site/farm to host field days and educational events. Spoke to Jim Grafton about using county farm as demo farm. SWCD plans to meet with farmer and Grafton on site to speak about plan and feasibility of farm. Strategic Plan top priority is that job descriptions need to be updated, as well as personnel policy. Board asked for more information about job descriptions.

### 2. Copperas Creek/Mill Creek Updates

Still waiting on announcement of funding application, met with Jeff Boeckler and Chris Haring, both will provide a list of landowners to reach out to gauge interest for projects to address their resource concerns to be able to put down on grant application. Still waiting on payment for Lorentzen.

### 3. FY23 Staffing Changes

The NACD grant, which funds Deloian and Gates' positions, has some funds left over, typically used to fund Chris Haring for SSRP design. Since Copperas Creek grant has wrapped up Dawn wrote in for an admin internship position to assist with AC workload, as well as a 30 hr./week community development assistant through NACD grant but haven't received this funding yet. Forest Preserve district interested in revisiting shared Education Person position similar to past position but with RISWCD providing employment. Temple also spoke on possibility of giving part time Henry Co. AC some hours in Rock Island office. Parchert made motion to move forward to pursue new position and develop job description. Oak seconded. **MOTION PASSED.**

### 6. Requests to Staff

None

### 7. STAFF REPORTS

Liva, Temple, Stewart, Deloian, and Gates provided written and oral reports. Junis provided an oral update.

### 8. Next Board Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022 @ 5p.m at Milan Office.

### 9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Oak and seconded by Parchert at 6:25 p.m. to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Nathan Oak, Secretary/Treasurer