

**WHITE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2024

The regular monthly board meeting of the White County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 7:18 a.m., January 9, 2024, by Chairman Bryan Tomm in the conference room of the USDA building.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: *Bryan Tomm, Brandon Barbre, and Mark Colbert.*

DIRECTORS ABSENT: *Kent Williams, and Laura Whitsitt.*

DISTRICT PERSONNEL: *Jewel Brooks, Administrative Coordinator, and Heidi Uselton, Resource Conservationist.*

NRCS PERSONNEL: *None.*

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Mark Colbert, to approve December 6, 2023, board meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve the Treasurer's Report for December. Motion carried.

SWCD STAFF REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Jewel Brooks, Administrative Coordinator, presented a report as attached. Brandon Barbre made a motion, seconded by Mark Colbert, to approve the report; motion carried.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: Heidi Uselton, Resource Conservationist, presented a report as attached. Mark Colbert made a motion to approve the report, seconded by Brandon Barbre; motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

No Report.

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS / TRAVEL REPORTS:

Motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve employee timesheets. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- AISWCD – Resolutions, Policies and Procedures Manual was reviewed.
- Introduction memo from Michael Wood, new AISWCD Executive Director.
- IDOA – Crooked Creek Solar LLC AIMA was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NRCS Administrative invoice for December was reviewed.
- TNC Grant 4947-0006 and information from Carrie Parmenter regarding planning of TNC Community Meetings in lower Wabash River watersheds of Illinois was discussed.
- Annual Meeting was discussed. The SWCD recommended Cole Fechtig to receive the 2023 Conservation Farmer Award. Suggestion was made to contact representatives from the solar farms and Tammy Willis, new NRCS State Conservationist, to see if they each would be interested in speaking at Annual Meeting.
- NACD TA2023 Award Revision was reviewed as submitted. Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Mark Colbert, to approve the revision; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- IDOA Quarterly Operations Spending reports (final FY'22 and FY'23) were reviewed. Motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre to approve; motion carried.
- Mid-year FY'24 Budget Update was provided. Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Mark Colbert, to approve the updated budget. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be held on February 6, 2024, at 7:15 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, motion was made by Mark Colbert, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 7:55 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Jewel L. Brooks:

Jewel L. Brooks, Administrative Coordinator

Jewel L. Brooks
Signature

Approved by:

Brandon Barbre, Secretary-Treasurer

Brandon Barbre
Signature