



Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

April 14, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District met for their monthly meeting on April 14th at 12:00 p.m. at the Breese USDA Building. Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Those present for the meeting were:

Clinton County SWCD Directors:

Tim Wesselmann
Cliff Schuette
Brent Kalmer
Clinton Michael
Paul Hustedde

Clinton County SWCD Staff:

Resource Conservationist: Sabrina Keele
Administrative Coordinator: Keelyn Bloch

Associate Directors:

Ken Knolhoff
Ran Krausz

NRCS Staff:

Soil Conservationist: Landen Harris
District Conservationist: Gary Gaubatz
Absent from the meeting: Board Members: Ray Krausz, Ken Knolhoff, Brent Kalmer
Guest: Jill Vonder Haar

Financial Update: Board Members approved bills, budget review, and financial updates. Cliff Schuette motioned; Paul Hustedde seconded; motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT: Gaubatz reviewed updates with EQIP and CSP.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT: Bloch reviewed financials of drill rental and tree sale deposits. Bloch reviewed the completion of the AGR Grant which will cap at \$39,000 and was written for salaries, NACD TA grant corrections were made from June 2025, Quarterly TA and IDOA reports and forms for election and verification were submitted. LUC #13 treasure report was made for the quarterly meeting. Bloch discussed upcoming events, housekeeping details, and training information.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Keele discussed well decommissioning applicants to turn in paperwork for payment. Three NRI were completed. Keele will be completing STAR navigator training, completed the Spring Savings for Fall Covers, and was waiting on a CPRG contract signature. Keele discussed upcoming events with possible speakers with USGS and attended trainings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Plat Book Contract:** Bloch discussed the need to sign the contract for 2027 Plat books. The board suggested looking back in past minutes for sponsorship prices.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **SoIL/Flash Group Update:** Jill Vonderhaar updated the board on the huge interest in the program, and how they have moved forward with turning the application to AFT. As of now there are about 20 members, and a cap has been set to 2,500 acres. FLASH group is currently waiting on approved seeding rates through drone seeding. Drone seeding, custom drill, and seed salesman have been approved. The application will be open for 1 month, and it will be online. SWCD will be able to assist producers with the application. Surrounding counties our allowed to apply if they are SoIL members
2. **AFT Field Day Update:** Clinton County has been accepted into the field day sponsorship, it was offered in the previous meeting to collab with neighboring county (Washington). Both AC will coordinate a meeting with AFT to start the organization process of the Field Day.
3. **PFC Applications:** Board Approved 40-acre cap overall for selected applicants and 80- acre cap for selected applicants.
4. **Soil Health and Sustainability Training May 12-14th :** Bloch had been invited to attend the in-person portion of the Conservation Planner 1 Training.
5. **BLWR Report:** Reviewed by board
6. **Outreach Supplies:** Bloch proposed to purchase stickers and a table runner for future outreach events. Board Approval.
7. **RC 3-Month Review:** Executive Session

Cliff Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 p.m., and Paul Hustedde seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 11,2026 at 8: 00a.m at the Breese USDA Service Center.

Brent Kalmer

Brent Kalmer, Secretary