



## Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

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### Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

March 17, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District met for their monthly meeting on March 17th at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Building. Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.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, Gary Gaubatz

**Financial Update:** Board Members approved bills, budget review, and financial updates. Brent Kalmer motioned, Paul Hustedde seconded, motion carried.

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT:** Harris reviewed EQIP, and CSP updates.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT:** Bloch reviewed financials throughout the month which included rental checks, fish sales deposits and closing of a CD. Grant Information included our Flash group organization with American Farmland Trust. There was a few housekeeping that were reviewed our AFT field day application was submitted, District Meeting check we distributed, NRCS Annual practice letters, and CRP status review sheets were sent out, FIOA Request completed, LUC #13 treasurer report completed. AC attended Back to Our Roots Conservation Training. Upcoming Events include Spring Fish Sale 03.11, Envirothon 03.10, LUC 13 Meeting 03.19, Advocacy Day 02.24 and our seed swap week is 03.23-27.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:** Keele reviewed PFC applications for well decommissioning contract number #516, #521, #522 and recent cover crops applications #517, #518, #519, #520, #521, #522, #523, #524. Within the month, 4 NRI came through and were completed. Upcoming Events remained the same as AC. Keele received her PIV Card on 03.04.2026.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Annual Report Signatures:** Michael's signature was needed to send off the report to IDOA.
2. **Local Led Discussion Opportunity's:** Bloch explained our options of doing another meeting for Local Led Group or to explore doing a survey to potentially to gain new insight and more response from the public. A contact list was provided to board members. Board approved the survey option
3. **6' Drill Discussion-** Wesselmann provided an update on drill post meeting to see when it will officially arrive. It will arrive in May. Financial Discussion will continue in May Meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Election:** Board remains unchanged and reorganization consists of the following below  
President Tim Wesselmann. 1. CS 2. BK  
Treasurer: Cliff Schuette. 1. BK 2. CM  
Secretary: Brent Kalmer. 1. CM 2. PH  
Vice Chairman: Clinton Michael 1. 2.  
Director: Paul Hustedde 1. 2.
2. **BLWR Report:** Reviewed by Board
3. **RC Verification Form:** Chairman Wesselmann was asked to sign IDOA RC Form for verification of our office.
4. **Contract Agreements:** AC/RC Explained the need for a contract adjustment. AC received an amendment while RC will get a new contract during 90-day review to implement this new contract
5. **AFR Review:** Board Review AFR completed by Sam Phillips
6. **Junior Master Gardener Event:** Due to county conflicts, the board denied the event.
7. **NWC Application Form:** Board Denied the need to join NWC
8. **AC 6-Month Review Schedule:** Meeting went into closed session for AC 6-month Review
9. **Plat Book Bids: Extended into the next meeting. Discussed the beginning process of sponsorship**
10. **State Envirothon:** Board Approved on attendance. One employee represents the county with our winning team.
11. **New Operations Grant Opportunity:** Bloch presented a new grant opportunity for operations funds called the AGR grant from IDOA. Board Approved
12. **Grow More Seminar 3/18/2026:** This seminar was based on more outreach opportunities and ideas for the district. Board approved attendance.
13. **Fall Cover for Spring Savings Spot Check Update:** RC Keele reviewed the upcoming events with this program and will complete the necessary tasks. To be completed last week of March.

Paul Hustedde made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m., and Cliff Schuette seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Service Center.

*Brent Kalmer*

**Brent Kalmer, Secretary**

