



## Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

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### Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025

The Board of Directors of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District met for their monthly meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Building. Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Those present for the meeting were:

#### **Clinton County SWCD Directors:**

Tim Wesselmann

Cliff Schuette

Brent Kalmer

Paul Hustedde

#### **Clinton County SWCD Staff:**

Executive Director: Emily Gaddis

Resource Conservationist: Ryan Vogt

#### **Associate Directors:**

Ken Knolhoff

#### **NRCS Staff:**

Soil Conservationist: Landen Harris

District Conservationist: Gary Gaubatz

Absent from the meeting: Directors: Clinton Michael, Associate Directors: Ray Krausz

Cliff Schuette made a motion to approve the minutes for June's meeting and Brent Kalmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's reports, bills, and timesheets were reviewed. Staff provided an update that drill rentals have been minimal due to heavy rains. Mileage costs will increase due to NRCS vehicle policy updates, field days and increased training opportunities. Paul Hustedde made a motion to approve the financials, and Brent Kalmer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT:** Harris and Gaubatz provided an update.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT:** Gaddis went over the report and discussed the attached activities.

**RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:** Vogt went over the report and discussed the attached activities.

**SURVEY AIDE REPORT:** NA

**OLD BUSINESS:** NA

1. Community Film Series: Washington and Bond counties and Army Corps of Engineers will co-host the film series with spring and fall showings of Common Ground, food systems and pollinator themes.
2. Grants: NACD TA 22 grant has been closed and some funds for NACD TA 24 were received with IDOA FY 24 in

progress and NACD UACO in progress.

3. Equipment: The 6' drill has been repaired. The 15' drill has an ongoing issue with the acre counter and loose bolts. The drill will be transported to the repair shop as it is still under warranty. Staff will talk to FSA to determine the demand for fabric machine in CRP work.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. PFC Funds approval: The board discussed the benefits of enrolling #473, #4474, #487, #499, #500, #505. Brent Kalmer made a motion to approve the applications with Paul Hustedde seconding the motion. Cliff Schuette abstained from the vote. Motion passed unanimously.
2. FY 25 Cost Share IDOA Grant: The PFC cost share grant was reviewed and signed by the Tim Wesselman, Board Chairman.
3. IDOA APO-postponed until the August meeting in the interest of time.
4. CD Funds: Additional CDs in the amount of \$20k each for 3,6,9,12 month schedule was suggested. The board agreed to fund additional CDs. Cliff Schuette made a motion to invest the funds and Brent Kalmer seconded the motion.
5. Native Plant tree sale: Staff suggested a tree sale/native plant sale for the fall and will explore if that is viable or if it is better to schedule for spring.
6. Backyard Conservation Program: Staff shared resources on outreach, events and education to provide technical assistance for backyard conservation.
7. NLRS: Staff provided an update that there is opportunity to conduct outreach with Kaskaskia Watershed Association and Heartlands Conservancy.

Cliff Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 a.m. and Paul Brent Kalmer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 12th at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Service Center.

  
**Brent Kalmer, Secretary**