



Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

May 11, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District met for their monthly meeting on May 11 at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Building. Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 8:02 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: Ken Knolhoff, Brent Kalmer
Guest: Deborah Gray-IDOA

Approved Minutes: Cliff Schuette motioned, Paul Hustedde seconded: motion carried

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

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT: Gray gave an IDOA update

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT: Bloch went over financials which involved the tree sale overall cost and how much the district made. Also, a bank deposit was made. Grant information we did not have an AFT field day update, AGR Grant was in review, and the FLASH applications are now open for the public. Upcoming Events: Bloch was attending Soil Health and Sustainability Training for the week, and the office will be closed due to Memorial Day. Housekeeping details: New outreach materials ordered, Color Contest sheets were collected by Susan, and the winners will be announced May 8th. Plat book contract has been signed, and sponsors have been contacted with advertisement information, 8 local led surveys with popular issues including animal waste, wetland, soil quality/health, storm water management, and pesticide management. The Canva annual subscription has been cancelled due to AISWCD offering a free version. The 10 extra trees were given to the Army Corp of Engineers at Carlyle Lake.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Keele went over the PFC Corrections and 2 well decommission applications waiting on bills. 2 NRI over the month. She attended the Celebrate the Earth event, and the summer conference is an upcoming event.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **PFC Corrections:** Sabrina Keele explained the corrections that needed to be made to the PFC acre cap to allow equal funding. Each applicant will have a 40-acre cap per application.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BLWR Report/ PFC FY 22' 23' signature:** Gray reviewed the BLWR report and explained the PFC operations signature. Wesselmann signed.
2. **Local Led Meeting Organization:** Bloch explained the need for an urgent local led meeting. Scheduled on May 15th at 8 am. Survey List will be contacted to encourage attendance on Friday.
3. **2027 Plat Book Pricing:** Since the plat books will be special edition Prices will be increased to \$35 and old plat books will be ½ off.
4. **Summer Conference July 13-15:** Bloch plans to attend Monday sessions, Keele plans to attend
5. **AC Summer Hours:** Bloch requested a compressed schedule change. Board Approval start next pay period
6. **Ag Cropped Acreage Report Signature:** Wesselmann signed
7. **RC Contract (Executive Session):** Transitioned into executive session at 9:15 with new RC contract signed.

Cliff Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m., and Paul Hustedde seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 8th, 2026 at 8:00a.m at the Breese USDA Service Center

Brent Kalmer

Brent Kalmer, Secretary