



Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting January 06, 2026

The Board of Directors of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District met for their monthly meeting on December 16th at 9:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Building. Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 9:01 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

NRCS Staff:

Soil Conservationist: Landen Harris
District Conservationist: Gary Gaubatz
Absent from the meeting: Board Members: Ray Krausz, Ken Knolhoff, Paul Hustedde,

Financial Update

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT: N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT: Bloch went over the financials within the last month which included depositing, drill rental checks, tree giveaway checks, reconciled bank statements, updated checkbooks, and discussed the mileage rate has increased to 72.5 cents per mile. For Grant information/Events; the Native Food Corridors will not be funded in 2026. The Survey Aid Grant was completed on 12.11.2025 and there has been a job aid created for future references. TA grant has been started. The Spring Fish Sale is officially open to the public; it has been advertised on WGEL, and social media. The fish sale will be on 03.11.2026. The toolkit has launched the first of the year as well and has been advertised on social media platforms. Information forms have been created for the 2026 Spring coloring contest, and poster contest will be working with IL Extension, and Ag in the Classroom. There has been an NRI that has been started; it will be a good training opportunity for the new Resource Conservationist. Housekeeping; Bloch has gained access to the Verizon account; a phone will be ordered. Onboarding the new RC with paperwork, training, and guidance from other counties for her training. PFC Checks have been ordered, and Checks have also been distributed. CSP/EQIP deferred letters were distributed, and Floodplain map was requested.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: Vogt left a partial RC report before he departed, Received payment authorization for #503, #505, #506, and #513. All documents have been submitted to IDOA; Macoupin County sent us \$50 more than expected, so with that and the last producer coming in slightly under, we had \$53.87 left over. It was transferred to Jefferson County. \$31,223.80 spent to plant 484.85 acres of cover crop and decommission 1 well. Keele introduced herself and explained how her training will be in the next coming weeks. Bloch handled PFC payments, and documents until January.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Leadership Council Event 1/29:** No new Information on the event
2. **NACD Membership Update:** After discussion to add Sabrina Keele as the new Resource Conservationist, and to contribute \$100, the motion was carried by Brent Kalmer and Seconded by Clint Michael. Motion Carried
3. **CRP/NRCS Admin Agreement Update:** Quick discussion to confirm CCSWCD is out of the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Annual Report Update:** The Report was finished during Government shutdown; it was suggested to work with Farm Bureau to distribute to public, post on social media, and have website access to the report. Cliff Schuette Motioned, Tim Wesselman Seconded. Motioned Carried
2. **BLWR Report:** Reviewed the report sent from Deborah Grey; a copy will be sent to the board.
3. **New Drill:** Suggested to talk to Deborah Grey about where the funds for the new drill should be pulled from. The old drill needs the paperwork box, toolbox, and sign removed before departing.
4. **Check Signature Authority:** A plan has been prepared for Chairman and SWCD Staff to meet at the bank to assign check authority
5. **PFC Transfer to Jefferson County:** Check signed for the \$50 to be sent back to Jefferson County.
6. **PFC well decommission paperwork:** The project has been approved; however, the paperwork has been missing possibly due to government shutdown. Staff started over; Owner was unable to bring in health department paperwork before the meeting to get the application signed.
7. **Flash Group Call with AFT:** AC will discuss with AFT to have a meeting in office or zoom call Feb 10 at 3:00pm to discuss the Flash Program.
8. **AISWCD Forestry Committee Spring Tree Planting:** AC has worked will work with extensions, to secure a location for the trees possibly New Baden Elementary.

Cliff Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54a.m., and Brent Kalmer seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 10 at 3:00 p.m. at the Breese USDA Service Center.



Brent Kalmer, Secretary