



Clinton County Soil & Water Conservation District

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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors of the Clinton County Soil and Water Conservation District met for their monthly meeting on May 14th, 2024 at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Building.

Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Those present for the meeting were:

Clinton County SWCD Directors:

Tim Wesselmann
Cliff Schuette
Paul Hustedde
Clinton Michael
Brent Kalmer

Clinton County SWCD Associate Director(s):

Ray Krausz

Clinton County SWCD Staff:

Administrative Coordinator: Emily Gaddis
Survey Aide: Olivia Walker

Guest(s)

Andrea Kuehner-PCM

Absent from the meeting: Associate Director: Ken Knolhoff, Resource Conservationist: Leeann Singer-German

NRCS-District Conservationist

Gary Gaubatz

Clinton Michael made a motion to approve the minutes for April's meeting and Cliff Schuette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's reports and bills were reviewed. Cliff Schuette made a motion to approve the financials and Clinton Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT: Gaubatz went over the report and discussed the attached activities.

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

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT: NA

SURVEY AIDE REPORT: Walker went over the report and discussed the attached activities.

OLD BUSINESS: NA

NEW BUSINESS

1. Lobby Day @ Springfield w/ AISWCD (5/7). Schuette provided an update on the discussion regarding budget cut to approximately \$36k or 50% of typical IDOA FY SWCD Operations grant funds.

2. Drill maintenance/storage plan confirmed w/ Clinton Co. Fair liaison. Gaddis provided an update that there will be rental space at the fairgrounds with an estimate bill of roughly \$75 to be expected.

3. AFT Soil Health Field Day Grant Won-The board proposed 9/3-9/5 from 10am-12pm with a lunch provided at a PFC drone seeded site with partners and speakers in attendance. After reviewing all partners' schedules, a date will be selected. The rainfall simulator will be displayed in addition to NRCS, PCM, STAR, Kaskaskia College. AFT and additional partners attending as schedules allow.
4. Conservation Funds for Waste to Resource-RCPP, REAP, IL DCEO. Gaddis provided an update of some grants available to co-author or refer to stakeholders to support larger development of conservation initiatives with industry partners.
5. Local Led Update: Gaddis provided a timeline of the ^{Local} Led with a draft Action Plan.
6. Entrepreneurship, Innovation, Tech and Business Support for Conservation: Gaddis provided an update that partners agree that there is a need for support services for conservation innovation and small business mentorship with a focus on ag, conservation and the evolving landscape with a focus on new technologies.
7. i-COVER and Conservation Corps-IDOA RCPP. Gaddis provided an update on this program in development at IDOA and will provide more information as available.
8. American Water PFAS Remediation Funds: Gaddis provided an update on the funds available through a partner and will connect municipalities to this resource if the CCR shows presence.

Kalmer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 a.m. and Hustedde seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 11th at 8:00 a.m. at the Breese USDA Service Center.

Brent Kalmer
Brent Kalmer, Secretary