**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 February 11th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. at the Breese USDA Building.

Chairman, Tim Wesselmann, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Those present for the meeting were:

**Clinton County SWCD Directors:**

TimWesselmann

Cliff Schuette

Clinton Michael

**Clinton County SWCD Associate Director(s):** Ken Knolhoff

**Clinton County SWCD Staff:**

Resource Conservationist: NA

Executive Director: Emily Gaddis

Survey Aide: Ryan Vogt

Absent from the meeting: Directors: Paul Hustedde and Brent Kalmer, Associate Director: Ray Krausz, District Conservationist: Gary Gaubatz

Clinton Michael made a motion to approve the minutes for January’s regular meeting and Cliff Schuette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) REPORT:** NA

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

**RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:** NA

**SURVEY AIDE REPORT**: Vogt went over the report and discussed the attached activities

**OLD BUSINESS:** N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Election-Tim Wesselman and Clinton Michael were re-elected for a 2-year term. The board will form and complete IDOA election paperwork at the March meeting.
2. Secretary position appointment-Due to two board members having temporary scheduling conflicts, there may be a need for a short-term appointment. The board tabled this discussion in favor of waiting until the March meeting to get more information.
3. Grants budget projections/workforce analysis: Gaddis reviewed current fudning and staffing levels and provided options for reduced hours and roles if frozen grant funds and/or IDOA funds are not received.
4. NLRS Field Day and CCFB Soil Health Event- Gaddis provided program information in I-COVER for promotion at the event. The board offered to give a raffle of free use of roller crimper to event attendees. The board and staff discussed an outreach plan for this event and I-COVER and PFC waitlist applicants will be contacted.

1. Contractor Breakfast: Gadis provided an update that there were no RSVPS yet after calling and mailing invitations to road commissioners, contractors and posting flyers. The board expressed that canceling the event and not incurring an expense should be done unless RSVPs reach a critical number to warrant the use of funds.
2. Envirothon: Gaddis provided an update that Envirothon will be at 9am on 3/11 and there are two teams registered.
3. Training week of 3/10-3/14: Ryan will be attending the Conservation Planner 2 training. Gaddis will be on site for office coverage and the fish sale on 3/13.
4. The Clinton County SWCD Board went into executive session for personnel- with Cliff Schuette making a motion to enter closed session at 6:53pm and Clinton Micheal seconding the motion. The board resumed regular session at 7:11pm with Cliff Schuette making the motion and Clinton Michael seconding the motion.

Schuette made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and Clinton Michael seconded the motion. Motion carried. The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 18th at 8:00 p.m. at the Breese USDA Service Center.

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**Brent Kalmer, Secretary**