

# **Board Meeting**

## **June 18th, 2025**

The Knox County Soil and Water Conservation District held their monthly meeting on June 18th, 2025 at 4:00 PM at 233 S. Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, IL 61401. Directors present were George Cummings, Brian Friedrich, Chris Bewley, Dave Asbury, and AJ Harland. Also present was Don Moffitt, Associate Director, Kara Downin, Resource Conservationist, and Katie Ingle, Administrative and Education Coordinator.

### **Agenda**

Chris Bewley made a motion, seconded by Brian Friedrich, to approve the agenda. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Secretary Report**

Chris Bewley made a motion, seconded by Dave Asbury, to approve the May 21st secretary report. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Treasurer Report**

Dave Asbury presented the treasurer's report. Chris Bewley made a motion, seconded by Brian Friedrich, to approve the treasurers report. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Bills**

The bills were presented to show deposits and debits for the accounts at Tompkins State Bank. Discussion was held on bills to be paid and the estimated bills for the July board meeting to be paid. Brian Friedrich made a motion to approve the bills as presented which was seconded by Dave Asbury. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Old Business**

Funding Update- Katie informed the board that they had received the FY25 operations allotment on June 5<sup>th</sup> which ended up being \$43,990. They have not received their cost share portion yet. They also informed the board that they had received their "Fall Covers for Spring Savings" income which totaled \$5,651.10. Lastly, Kara mentioned that since there ended up being a CRP sign up she is expecting a few more native seed orders.

Farm To Table Dinner- Kara informed the board that her and Katie have both been working with Shawnee to finish up planning for the event next week. They have around 45 RSVP's and still have space for anyone that decides to come last minute.

Yearly Evaluations- Kara reminded the board that the employee evaluations will be taking place at the end of the meeting.

### **New Business**

CPP/PFC- Kara sought approval for contract 329 which was for one dug well sealing with a maximum cost share of \$500. Brian Friedrich made a motion, seconded by Chris Bewley to approve the project. Motion passed 5-0. Contract 329 is owned by the Galesburg Community Foundation.

IDNR North Creek Settlement Funds- Kara summarized the correspondence that she had with IDNR regarding the mitigation funds available for the North Creek watershed. She asked them for the parameters regarding the spending of the money and asked the board if they thought she should spend it all on one project or set it up like a traditional streambank stabilization project with cost share only up to \$10,000 per project. The board recommended waiting to see what IDNR's opinion is whether they want to spread it over multiple projects or just one area.

AISWCD Resolutions for Summer Conference- The board reviewed the resolutions included in the board packet. They decided to support extending the two "sunsetting" resolutions (2017-3 and 2018-2) as well as the new resolution (2025-1).

New Road Signs- \$100 Each- AJ Harland made a motion, seconded by Brian Friedrich, to pay \$600 for 6 new signs to go up at: Hwy 150 E, Hwy 34 West, Hwy 116, Hwy 97 by Fulton County, and Hwy 17 E, one between Stark County and one between Henry County borders.

Board Meeting: July 16th @ 4:00 PM- The next board meeting will be held on July 16th at 4:00 PM and will be held at the USDA Building (233 S Soangetaha Rd. Galesburg, IL 61401).

### **Other Reports**

Resource Conservationist- Kara informed the board that she had mostly been focusing on pre-construction meetings for CPP projects that were going to be happening this year, as well as field visits for all of the CRP since there was such a short deadline to get them returned to FSA. She completed the district's part for the ISAP grant agreement as far as field visits go and is now waiting to get the preliminary designs back from the engineers. For zoning this month her and Katie attended the zoning board of appeals hearing for a solar farm. Her and Katie as completed their records retention out in the storage container and asked the board to keep an eye out for any community organizations that might be having a free shred truck. Lastly, she had reached out to AC McCartney for an update on the mule transmission that we are waiting on and they said they anticipate getting the part in in August.

Administrative and Education Coordinator- Katie updated the board on all of the technical trainings she had been focusing on to finish her conservation planner level 3 requirements, as well as going along with Kara on all of the field visits for CPP and CRP. She also wrapped up the last sale of the spring (plant plug) and let the board know that she will be shifting her focus to more technical trainings as well as the Summer/Fall newsletter which will be sent to the printers at the end of July.

IDOA/BLWR- Kara summarized the IDOA bi-monthly report that was included in the board packet.

AISWCD- Katie informed the board that the bill the Association was trying to get passed for a fee on land being taken out of production and put into renewable energy did not pass, as well as their bid for an increase in funding for the next fiscal year.

**Correspondence**

Katie presented the monthly Field and Bean and Farm Bureau newsletters.

**Meeting Ending**

Dave Asbury made a motion to adjourn the meeting which Chris Bewley seconded.  
Motion passed 5-0.

Submitted by: Katie Ingle

Date: 7-16-25

Approved by: Chris Bewley

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