



**FLOYD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, July 10, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.**

Present: The Board

Tom King
Ron Wathen
Melanie Palaisa

Office Staff:

Angel Jackson, Director / Educator

Guests:

Rachel Boucher / NRCS
Cara Bezuska / Assoc. Supervisor

Chairman, Tom King, called the regular meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. in the district office.

Ron Wathen motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes approved.

The Treasurer's report was given: Savings Account: General Savings - \$17,237.05. Checking Account: General Checking - \$81,803.29

Ron Wathen motioned to approve the financial report. Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the financial report approved.

Guest reports started with Rachel stating there was no update on the reorganization at NRCS but there are projected reductions and shifting of personnel. No Farm Bill has been approved, but an additional \$1.5M for EQIP and \$6M for CSP has been allocated. EQIP contracts that were IRA (Inflation Reduction Act) approved are now funded. She also shared there were spots still available to volunteer at the Pathway to Water Quality during the state fair.

Laura Fribley's DSS report was shared with the board highlighting the Fall gathering at Cornucopia Farms.

The only Old Business discussed was the turnout at the 4-H Fair. Attendance was down in part due to no carnival rides.

New Business started with Angel and Tom sharing they had completed the exit interview with SBOA for the compliance audit. SBOA had no comments for our audit.

Angel went over a list of workshops / workdays planned for the months of July – October. That information was emailed to board members.

Angel advised the board that board meetings have to be live-streamed going forward, and for that reason, our meetings will have to take place across the hallway in the big meeting room that is equipped.



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The Homeowners Guide that Angel and Gina have been working on is close to being submitted to the printer. Expectation is to have those printed by November.

The following topics were discussed and voted on:

Ron Wathen motioned to purchase Advertisements in the News & Tribune on Invasives up to \$3000. Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Melanie Palaisa motioned to pay graphic designer Cara B. \$200 for designing invasive advertisements for the paper. Ron Wathen seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Melanie Palaisa motioned to pay for printing 500 CISMA brochures for \$325. Ron Wathen seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Ron Wathen motioned to sponsor \$1500 to Mt. St. Francis for erosion control. Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Ron Wathen motioned to sponsor \$1200 for the 4th Grade Careers in Ag. Field trip. Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Melanie Palaisa motioned to sponsor \$250 for the maintenance of the Slate Run Elementary rain garden. Ron Wathen seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Ron Wathen motioned to pay for the Pasture Workshop port-o-lets / hand washing stations (\$600) and soil testing for up to 20 participants (\$400). Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Under Other Business, Angel shared that the district had been assigned a RITA tech (Cole Flatt) who will be helping us out with projects over the next year or so.

Claims presented to the board: Claims paid by District: -\$0. Claims sent directly to County for payment: - \$0. Claims paid by the District reimbursed by the County: -\$400 – IASWCD – 2025 Dues. Grant: -\$3,556.41 – IASWCD – 2025 Dues; -\$661.64 – Roundstone Native Seed LLC – 50 lbs. native seeds. CWI Invasive: -\$0.

With no other business to discuss, the board moved to end the meeting.

Ron Wathen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Melanie Palaisa seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully,

Angel Jackson
Director / Educator

