



**FLOYD COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 1, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.**

Present: The Board

Tom King
Ron Wathen
Matt Payne
Melanie Palaisa

Office Staff:

Angel Jackson, Director / Educator

Guests:

Rachel Boucher / NRCS
Eliza Hudson / NRCS
Cara Bezuska / Assoc. Supervisor
Heather Ratchford / Assoc. Supervisor
Jessica Hoehn / CCSI

Chairman, Tom King, called the regular meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the district office.

Matt Payne motioned to approve the April 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 - \$17,236.62. Checking Account: General Checking - \$91,446.49.

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

Guest reports started with Rachel giving an update on issues at NRCS:

- Statewide NRCS is down about 90 people
- SE Area saw 7 employees take the deferred retirement 2.0 offer
- Public Affairs site lists active NRCS employees

Eliza shared a summary of the RCPP project in regards to Floyd County impacts. The project funded 822 total acres in Floyd with 2023 dollars reaching \$145K and 2024 dollars reaching \$40K. Of the approved applications for 2025, none are within Floyd County.

Jessica Hoehn with Conservation Cropping Systems Initiative gave the board an overview of the resources they have available to assist SWCD's with education & outreach when hosting workshops on soil health. She shared copies of their most recent brochure highlighting the work they do.

There was no review of Old Business.

New Business started with tabling the Board of Supervisors picture again this month as not all supervisors were present.



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The 10th annual Pollinator Day was a huge success with over 2,000 attendees. All board members participated in staffing the booth during the day. Supervisor Ron Wathen built blue bird boxes to give away throughout the day. Despite advertising, there were no orders for fish for our Spring sale.

Supervisors discussed holding meetings in the morning during the summer months of June, July, and August.

Matt Payne motioned to change the start time of the meeting to 9:00 a.m. for the months of June, July, and August. Ron Wathen seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved.

Angel advised the board that CWI Education & Outreach funds were still available, as the newspaper advertisement had not been ordered.

The board completed an Employee Evaluation for Angel and shared the results with her once it was completed.

Angel shared that a tentative date has been set for the Pasture Workshop that was postponed. New tentative date is Monday, June 16th from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Under Other Business, the board chose to table the issue of paying the IASWCD dues again. Angel presented the RCPP letter requesting the 3rd year support payment.

Matt Payne made a motion to pay the RCPP 3rd year support payment of \$5,000. Tom King seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion approved

Angel gave the board a printout of color options for the new “A frame” inserts with our updated logo. The board collectively chose the brown background. Angel will order the inserts from Fast Signs.

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: -\$0. Grant: -\$250. – Sarah Bacher – CISMA Secretary Q1. 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 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Angel Jackson
Director / Educator

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