

Jan 4, 2024 board meeting minutes

8:08AM called to order

Attendees: Dave Stanley, Adam Beck, Kenny Cain, Micheal Hill, Helen Hudson, Marc Roberts, Daniel Bullerdick, Jordan Gillenwater, Aron Rhoads, Raoul Moore, Kristen Latzke, Seth Harden

Dave, CSP and EQIP signups are running. Rules and costs were finalized yesterday. 75% of funds are going to high tunnels and the rest mostly to pasture and hay ground. ACT requested that were not approved last year are on the top of the stack and going in first.

Adam, ARC/PLC started signing up 12/18/23. The choice is risk v cost but payments are less than \$40/acre. Eva's job has been replaced but Kay's is open. We lost 67 years of experience. CRP close to final \$ for 2023. About 130 are waiting. Waterways are now 3 years out. Facility loans at 4.625% had 4 asks for 2 spots. There is a \$100 application fee. ERP crop insurance has more money available. But if payments are over \$6000 only 10% paid, a big shock.

Kenny, State board is having a round table about CWI and board certification. The poorly attended breakfast with legislators at conference is now at the statehouse to catch them on their way in.

Helen, The LWV wrote a column with Kristen and Kristen also did the mayor's podcast-put a lot of unknown conservation information out into the community. More is welcome.

Kristen, Our grants are all done and in the mail. We have ~\$16,000 coming for reimbursement from NRCS. SICIM sent a letter asking for support. Raoul made motion and Marc 2nded \$1000 to them.

Seth, presented on the potential of a RCPP on the Upper Sugar Creek including the top the latest 319 did not cover up into Tipton County. Much background, potential partners and problems were presented. TNC is willing to do the bureaucratic stuff with many, many partners doing bits. SWCDs are positioned to do local on the ground outreach. 2 grants probably best with wrap up 2030 or 35. TNC has 14 nationwide. Ducks unlimited 10. July is the due date. Seth is proceeding.

Raoul made and Marc 2nded a motion to accept the consent agenda.

Marc made and Aron 2nded motion to file the treasurer's report.

Annual meeting speaker is lined up, Stephanie Frischie on soil health and creepy crawlers there in. Aron made motion and Raoul 2nded motion to use Juniper Spoon for catering with SWCD paying.

IASWCD conference discussion ensued on tickets and booth set up. All is set.

Raoul made motion and Marc 2nded motion to add supervisor job description from state code to the district policies as they are.

Raoul made motion and Marc 2nded the district bank accounts as they are and Kristen as financial officer.

Audit committee will meet after Feb 1 meeting, Raoul, and Marc. Jordan possibly joining.

11AM adjourned

Minutes approved Feb 1, 2024

*A. Rhoads*  
*A. M. Lutzke*  
*John M.*

*Paul Wood*

Submitted by Kristen Lutzke