

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 7, 2024**

CALLED TO ORDER by Critchell Judd, at 6:10 pm, 1648 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, IL.

MLCSWCD DIRECTORS PRESENT

Critchell Judd
Andrea Pracht
Ken Book
Bob Haraden (Via Phone/Left @ 6:59 pm)
Dean Farr (Via Phone/Left @ 7:06 pm)

SWCD STAFF PRESENT

Spring Duffey
Ryan Bieber

NRCS STAFF PRESENT

Michael Brennan

ASSOCIATES PRESENT

Alan Plane

GUESTS PRESENT

None

CHANGES (ADDITIONS) TO AGENDA:

- “Beehive Location at Dean Street” was added to “Old Business.”
- “Turbidity Meter” was added to “Old Business.”

MINUTES OF THE April 2, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The Minutes of the April 2, 2024, Board Meeting were reviewed. Dean Farr moved to approve the minutes. Critchell Judd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

We are ten months into our FY2024 fiscal year, the totals are as follows: 115.9% of budgeted income and 84.6% of budgeted expenses.

TREASURER’S REPORT

The Treasurer’s Report was reviewed. Ken Book moved to approve the Treasurer’s report. Dean Farr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS/TIME SHEET APPROVAL

Staff Reports were reviewed. Dean Farr moved that the Staff Reports and Time Sheets be accepted. Andrea Pracht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a. Thank you notes: McHenry County Farm Bureau (Ag Expo) and Northern Illinois Community Foundation (Envirothon)
- b. AISWCD Call to Action Emails/Letters
- c. IDOA- US Climate alliance Surveys

FOIA REQUESTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Michael Brennan gave an update on NRCS activities (20 EQIP applications, 30-40 American Bird Conservancy applications, compliance status reviews, and CRP planning).

NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Dean Street Improvements (Parking Lot Resurfacing and Lighting):** Critchell Judd has reached out to two electricians regarding the lighting upgrades but has not heard back from them.

Critchell Judd presented parking lot resurfacing quotes from Petersen, Todd's Mastercoat, and Twin's Sealcoating.

Andrea Pracht moved to accept Petersen's more ecofriendly option, at a cost of \$5,368.00 and \$2,247.00 for the 2nd coat of Sealcoat, for a total cost of \$7,615.00. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Critchell Judd will Roundup the weeds on the edges of the lot in preparation for the sealcoating.

- B. **Beehive Location at Dean Street:** Andrea Pracht inquired about the location of the beehives. Two hives have been placed at the northwest corner of the property and signage has been installed.
- C. **Turbidity Meter:** Ryan Bieber discussed the need and pricing of turbidity meters. Prices range from \$369.00 to \$1,200.00. Andrea Pracht indicated that turbidity was intentionally left out of the ordinances and felt it wasn't needed for compliance. The board determined not to purchase one at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **2024 Poster Contest Winner Selection:** We received 3 entries for 3 different age categories.

Ken Book moved to award Emerson Parbs, Jackson Parbs, and Cami Parbs for their entries and submit them to the AISWCD competition. Andrea Pracht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- B. **Erosion & Sediment Control Inspection Fee Waiver Requests:** We received two fee waiver requests.

- a. **Richmond-Burton High School:** Andrea Pracht moved to not approve the fee waiver request from Richmond-Burton High School and to continue charging the appropriate inspection fees. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- b. **IDNR's Maple Grove Boat Access:** Andrea Pracht moved to not approve the fee waiver request for the Maple Grove Boat Access and to continue charging the appropriate inspection and review fees. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. AISWCD Resolution – Code of Ethics: The proposed code of ethics resolution was reviewed and modified.

Ken Book moved to adopt and send the Code of Ethics Resolution to Land Use Council 16 and the AISWCD. Andrea Pracht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Illinois Urban Manual Update: Andrea Pracht received an email indicating that the Illinois Urban Manual Committee is looking for suggestions to include in the next Illinois Urban Manual update. Ryan Bieber is our representative on the steering committee.

E. FY25 Budget: Critchell Judd indicated that we will be working on our FY25 Budget at our June meeting and to start thinking about items to be considered, including the roof at Dean Street and equipment needs.

F. Great Lakes Commission RFP: The request for proposal was reviewed and it was determined that we do not have the staff hours for a project.

ADJOURNMENT

Andrea Pracht moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 p.m. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Book, Secretary