

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2024**

DEAN STREET PROPERTY WALK AND PLANNING SESSION / DINNER: Prior to the start of the meeting, we hosted partners and asked for their input on the management of our Dean Street property and followed the planning session with dinner.

Participants included:

- Wes Krug and Michael Brennan, USDA-NRCS
- Nancy Schietzelt, Defenders of McHenry County
- John Peters, McHenry County Conservation District
- Val Cucha, 4-H
- Lisa Haderlein and Megan Oropeza, Land Conservancy of McHenry County
- Shelly Ray, IDOA
- Orrin Bangert
- Lisa Rhoades, MLCSWCD

Meeting CALLED TO ORDER by Critchell Judd, at 8:27pm, 2222 Dean St., Woodstock, IL.

MLCSWCD DIRECTORS PRESENT

Critchell Judd
Andrea Pracht
Ken Book
Bob Haraden
Dean Farr

SWCD STAFF PRESENT

Spring Duffey
Ryan Bieber

NRCS STAFF PRESENT

Michael Brennan

GUESTS PRESENT

Shelly Ray (IDOA)

CHANGES (ADDITIONS) TO AGENDA: None

MINUTES OF THE July 2, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The Minutes of the July 2, 2024, Board Meeting were reviewed. Dean Farr moved to approve the minutes. Bob Haraden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

We are one month into our FY2025 fiscal year, the totals are as follows: 6.2% of budgeted income and 10.4% 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. Andrea Pracht moved that the Staff Reports and Time Sheets be accepted. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

FOIA REQUESTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- Spring Duffey presented Ken Book with his 5-year Service Award.
- Shelly Ray gave an update on IDOA initiatives. The Regional Meetings for this fall have been cancelled. Winter Training will offer sessions on Urban Agriculture, Surveying, QuickBooks, and Alternative Sources of Funding. IDOA has plans to start “Lunch and Learn” programs. We indicated that hacking and cyber security would be a beneficial session.
- Michael Brennan gave an update on NRCS initiatives. Alejandro Nieves has been hired as the Kane-DuPage Soil Conservationist. McHenry County had more American Bird Conservancy applications than the rest of the combined applications in the state. Staff has been working on CRP compliance and training has been provided for Conservation Desktop and Grazing.
- Dean Farr gave an update on the Friends of the Fox webinar on the State Water Plan that was hosted for State legislators. Michael Woods, AISWCD, has indicated that he would like to provide this webinar for county officials.

NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **American Community Bank CD Renewal:** Critchell Judd gave an update on our recent CD purchases as indicated in the board packet.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Computer Hacking Update:** Critchell Judd gave an update on the bank account hacking attempt on July 12th by Andrew Brewer and the subsequent computer hacking which affected Lisa Rhoades and Ryan Bieber’s computers along with our counter computer. Our IT Consultant, Josh Townes, reimaged the computers and restored most of the files. Emails now have two-factor authentication and files are backed up to the cloud instead of through Carbonite. Critchell Judd did try to file a police report with the City of Woodstock but was told they could not act on it, as nothing was stolen. He also filed a report with the Attorney General’s cyberfraud department.

ADJOURNMENT

Dean Farr moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Book, Secretary