

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 10, 2024**

Meeting CALLED TO ORDER by Critchell Judd, at 6:05 pm, 1648 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, IL.

MLCSWCD DIRECTORS PRESENT

Critchell Judd
Bob Haraden
Andrea Pracht
Ken Book
Dean Farr

SWCD STAFF PRESENT

Ryan Bieber

NRCS STAFF PRESENT

MLCSWCD DIRECTORS ABSENT

GUESTS PRESENT

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT

Allen Plane

CHANGES (ADDITIONS) TO AGENDA:

Critchell Judd requested to add an update regarding our CDs to **TREASURER'S REPORT**.
Ken Book requested to add discussion of a drain tile dispute to **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**.

MINUTES OF THE November 5, 2024, BOARD MEETING

The Minutes of the November 5, 2024, Board Meeting were reviewed. Andrea Pracht moved to approve the minutes. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

We are four months into our FY2025 fiscal year, the totals are as follows: 25.3% of budgeted income and 38.9% 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.

Critchell Judd notified the board members that a C.D. at Sauk Valley Bank matured on December 4, 2024. Critchell Judd reinvested the C.D. and its earned interest into a 12-month at 4% C.D with Sauk Valley Bank.

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: None

FOIA REQUESTS:

Borneman Request: On November 14, 2024, Erich Borneman requested 1) Any and all FOIA Requests submitted by Kreutzer Family Limited Partnership and/or William Bryne Jr. which request records that relate to 10307 Dundee Road, Huntley, Illinois or 10320 Kreutzer Road, Huntley, Illinois 2) Any and all responses and records produced in response to any of the requests described in paragraph number one of this request. And 3) All aerial photographs on file of 10320 Kreutzer Road, Huntley, Illinois.

MLSWCD has not received any previous FOIA requests regarding the indicated properties, nor does MLSWCD have any correspondence regarding the indicated properties. MLSWCD provided Erich Borneman with FSA aerial slides of the properties indicated for all the years MLSWCD has on file.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Ken Book, Drain Tile Dispute: Book described a situation he is aware of where a drain tile is clogged upstream of another property and the change in drainage caused by the clog is negatively impacting the downstream property. The owners of the impacted property approached the owners of the property with the clog, but the owners do not intend to address the clog. Book inquired whether MLSWCD provides drain tile surveys, and what in general could be done about the situation.

MLSWCD does not conduct drain tile surveys. Andrea Pracht provided Ken Book with contact information for a private firm that conducts drain tile surveys. MLSWCD board members discussed potential next steps for this situation, including having the impacted property owner contact McHenry County Department of Planning and Development for drain tile records and inquiring whether this drain tile is part of a drainage district. MLSWCD also recommended reaching out lawyers that deal with Illinois drainage law.

NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY2024 Financial Review (Results):

The FY2024 Financial Review Results were reviewed. Andrea Pracht Moved to approve the 2024 Financial Review Results. Bob Haraden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. WWASH Sponsorships:

Critchell Judd notified the board that the Farm Bureau was unable to get any producers to sign up for WWASH.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. District Tractor & Mower:

No new updates as Spring Duffey and Allen Plane have not met to discuss hours/month and hourly rates. Allen Plane indicated he will look up prices for a new mower.

B. Employee Evaluation Form Revisions:

Critchell Judd will combine some questions from Bob Haraden's employee review with some questions from MLSWCD's current employee review. Critchell Judd will distribute new employee review forms to the MLSWCD staff.

C. 2025 Board Meeting Dates:

The proposed 2025 MLSWCD Board Meeting schedule was reviewed. Critchell Judd moved to approve the proposed 2025 MLSWCD Board Meeting schedule. Ken Book seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. Director Training Scholarships:

Dean Farr suggested an annual allowance of approximately \$500 per board member for educational events. If a board member requests to exceed the \$500 annual allowance, the rest of the board must review and approve or disapprove the request.

ADJOURNMENT

Ken Book moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Bob Haraden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Book, Secretary