

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
April 1, 2025**

CALLED TO ORDER by Critchell Judd, at 6:07 p.m., 1648 S. Eastwood Dr., Woodstock, IL.

MLCSWCD DIRECTORS PRESENT

Critchell Judd
Andrea Pracht
Ken Book
Bob Haraden (arrived at 6:20 pm)
Dean Farr

SWCD STAFF PRESENT

Spring Duffey
Aidan Woltman

NRCS STAFF PRESENT

None

ASSOCIATES PRESENT

Alan Plane

GUESTS PRESENT

None

CHANGES (ADDITIONS) TO AGENDA:

Added to Correspondence:

- AISWCD Annual Meeting Awards
- Legislative Outreach
- SWCD Annual Meeting

MINUTES OF THE March 4, 2025, BOARD MEETING

The Minutes of the March 4, 2025, Board Meeting were reviewed. Dean Farr moved to approve the minutes. Andrea Pracht seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

We are nine months into our FY2025 fiscal year, the totals are as follows: 69.1% of budgeted income and 65.2% of budgeted expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. We have a 5-year, \$57,503.39 CD at American Community Bank maturing on 4/15/25. Critchell Judd will negotiate a better rate for renewal. 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. **Statement of Economic Interest:** We received notification that Bob Haraden still needs to complete the questionnaire.
- B. **State & Local Envirothon Donations Thank Yous**
- C. **AISWCD Annual Meeting Awards:** Critchell Judd will send out the information to directors for consideration of nominees for Conservation Teacher of the Year, Conservation

Woman of the Year, SWCD Director of the Year, and Farm Family of the Year. We will review nominations at our May meeting.

- D. **Legislative Outreach:** Critchell Judd and Dean Farr shared the State and Federal Legislative initiatives and the need to contact legislators. Dean Farr will modify the letters for our use and provide email and mailing addresses of legislators for directors to contact.
- E. **SWCD Annual Meeting:** At our May meeting we will discuss having an annual meeting this year. Andrea Pracht indicated we only have a few associate directors who are attending meetings. She would like invites to the annual meeting sent to them as well.

FOIA REQUESTS: None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. **Local Work Group Meeting, March 14, 2025, Lost Valley Visitor Center:** Spring Duffey shared the compiled resource concerns developed per watershed, at the Local Work Group Meeting. The practices to address those concerns, still need to be assigned. Once that is completed, she will share the final report with the board, meeting participants and invitees who were unable to attend.
- B. **North Cook SWCD Status and Council 16 Chairmanship:** Critchell Judd gave an update on his conversation with Jim Singer, North Cook SWCD Chairman. They may have to sell their vehicle, but they think they will still be able to keep the doors open. Additionally, Jim feels comfortable remaining as the Council 16 Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. **Bank Signature Authority:** With the resignation of Ryan Bieber and the hiring of Aidan Woltman, we need to change the signature authorities on our checking account.

Andrea Pracht moved to approve Aidan Woltman as a signature authority on our checking account through American Community Bank & Trust, and to remove Ryan Bieber from all accounts. Bob Haraden seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- B. **SWCD Logo Wear:** Aidan Woltman needs logo wear to represent our district. Bob Haraden moved to approve the purchase of 3 items for Aidan Woltman and 1 item for the other employees and directors. Dean Farr seconded the motion. Motion carried. Spring Duffey will provide staff and directors with options available.

ADJOURNMENT

Bob Haraden moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Dean Farr seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Book, Secretary