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Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, March 25, 2025  
District Office

### **DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Justin Krohn (via teleconference)  
Sue Bates  
Paul Beuth  
Mike Leick  
Jim Morrison

### **DIRECTORS ABSENT**

None

### **ASSOCIATES PRESENT**

Larry McPheron  
Dave Mullen  
Harlan Tipton  
Tom Walsh

### **ASSOCIATES ABSENT**

Judy Barnard  
Dwayne Proctor

### **SWCD STAFF PRESENT**

Melisa Long  
Dennis Anthony  
Katie Peterson

### **NRCS STAFF PRESENT**

Josh Franks  
Colton Asche

### **IDOA STAFF PRESENT**

Hunter Cejka

### **PCM STAFF PRESENT**

None

### **NGRREC PRESENT**

Heather Herakovich

### **PHEASANTS FOREVER STAFF PRESENT**

None

### **NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION**

Connor Evans

### **CALL TO ORDER**

8:02 a.m. – Paul Beuth called the meeting to order.

### **FORMATION OF THE BOARD**

*Jim Morrison made a motion for Justin Krohn – Chairman, Paul Beuth – Vice Chairman, Jim Morrison – Secretary/Treasurer. Mike Leick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

minutes, correspondence & monthly transactions

- AISWCD hired Tara Hopkins (Edgar County) as Special Project Manager

*Jim Morrison made a motion to accept the consent agenda, Paul Beuth seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

### **REPORTS**

Staff Reports

Administrative Coordinator – Melisa Long (attached)

Resource Conservationist – Katie Peterson (attached)

Executive Director/Soil Scientist – Dennis Anthony (attached)

*Mike Leick made a motion to approve the staff reports presented, Jim Morrison seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

#### Partner Reports

- NRCS – Josh Franks (attached)
- IDOA – Hunter Cejka
- NGRREC – Heather Herakovich
- NWTF – Connor Evans

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

FSA office space – no new information

*Mike Leick made a motion to remove FSA Office space from unfinished business on the agenda until new information is received, Jim Morrison seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Associate Director Appointments

*Jim Morrison made a motion to appoint the following as Associate Directors for this year; Judy Barnard, Dave Mullen, Dwayne Proctor, Harlan Tipton, Larry McPheron and Tom Walsh. Mike Leick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

Review of Agreements, MOU's, easements & financial holdings

- List was reviewed. Binder is available for review.
- Review & acknowledgement form signed by Directors.

FY25 IDOA grant agreement

- Distribution based on base funding of \$38,989.69 + \$4,000 for Level III planner + \$1,000.31 redistribution of remaining funds.
- PFC grant will come as an amendment at a later date

FY25 PFC Practice Component list; District cost-share policy

*Sue Bates made a motion to approve the PFC Component list with the exclusion of the rain garden practice and to continue with the \$20,000 maximum payment per project unless fiscal year funds are available due to a lack in applications to use it all by the deadline, Mike Leick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, April 29 at 8:00 a.m.

*Jim Morrison made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m., Mike Leick seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.*

**ADJOURNMENT** – 9:30 a.m.

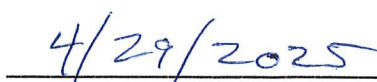
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Minutes taken & submitted by:

Melisa Long, Administrative Coordinator

Approved by:

  
Jim Morrison – Secretary/Treasurer

  
Date