



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**RISWCD March Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026
5:00 p.m. @ Milan USDA Service Center**

PRESENT

Nathan Oak, Chairman
Rich Stewart, RC
Joey Deloian, RCII
Dayna Gillespie, AC
Rebekah Ahrens, Director
Gary Blanchard, Director
Jason Flickinger, Director
Benjamin Ford, Soil Technician

ABSENT

Louis Liva, PCM Specialist
Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer
Joe Gates, Cons Specialist
Wyatt Junis, Soil Conservationist
Rebekah Ahrens, Director
Bob Westpfahl, County Board Rep

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman N. Oak called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. – Roll call was taken.

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

J. Flickinger made a motion to accept consent agenda items, R. Ahrens seconded.
MOTION PASSED.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. PFC – J. Deloian presented recent PFC projects to the board that would spend the entirety of our FY25 PFC funds. The first landowner, L. Svoboda has five projects on their property: two WASCObS, one diversion and two hooded inlet structures to assist with erosion problems. The second landowner, S. Lardner, has 4 acres he would like to convert to a pollinator planting. G. Blanchard made the motion to approve the PFC projects, J. Flickinger seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**
2. **FY26 Election Results** – D. Gillespie informed the directors that G. Blanchard and J. Flickinger were re-elected, and R. Ahrens was elected to serve two-year terms on the Rock Island County SWCD board of directors. All re-elected and elected directors signed the Acceptance of Office forms. **No further action was taken.**

3. **Organization of the Board** – J. Flickinger will serve as the Rock Island County SWCD Chairman, N. Oak will serve as Vice Chairman, and B. Parchert will continue to serve as the secretary/treasurer. R. Ahrens made a motion to accept the new organization of the board of directors; G. Blanchard seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**
4. **Local Work Group** – The district will have their annual Local Work Group meeting on March 26th, 2026, at the Rock Island County Farm Bureau building to discuss natural resource concerns in the county. All directors were urged to attend the meeting. **No further action was taken.**
5. **QC Flower & Garden Show** – The district will participate in the 2026 QC Flower & Garden Show from March 13th -15th to promote backyard conservation and the spring fish, trees, and native plant sales. Directors were urged to sign up for a volunteer shift for the tradeshow. **No further action was taken.**
6. **PCM Contract** – Precision Conservation Management is becoming a 501c-3 and soon they will no longer need our office space for their employees. There is not a set date when this will happen, and the district will proceed with the FY26 Q3 and Q4 PCM contracts until told otherwise. **No further action was taken.**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

6. **STAFF REPORT/REQUESTS TO STAFF**

Written and oral reports were provided by R. Stewart, D. Gillespie, J. Deloian, and B. Ford.

7. **Next board meeting scheduled for April 7th @ 5pm at Milan USDA Center.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by G. Blanchard, second by J. Flickinger to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman's signature: _____

