



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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**RISWCD January Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 6th, 2026
5:00 p.m. @ Milan USDA Service Center**

PRESENT

Nathan Oak, Chairman
Rich Stewart, RC
Dayna Gillespie, AC
Rebekah Ahrens, Director
Gary Blanchard, Director
Jason Flickinger, Director
Benjamin Ford, Soil Technician
Bob Westpfahl, County Board Rep

ABSENT

Louis Liva, PCM Specialist
Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer
Joe Gates, Cons Specialist
Marty McManus, IDOA Rep
Joey Deloian, RCII
Wyatt Junis, Soil Conservationist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman N. Oak called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. **SSRP** – R. Stewart presented a SSRP project to the directors to be approved for E. Hughes. The state of Illinois will pay 75% of the cost of installation and the cost cannot exceed \$5,000. G. Blanchard made a motion to approve the project; J. Flickinger seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**
2. **IHMVCU 2026 Changes** – D. Gillespie informed the directors that IH Mississippi Valley Credit Union will be charging a \$30 flat rate for business accounts that use direct deposits for employees. There was no option to opt out of the charge unless we went back to paper checks, which is not ideal. **No further action was taken.**
3. **FY26 RISWCD Spring Sales** – D. Gillespie will have the 2026 Spring fish, trees, and plant sales up on the website soon. The directors were asked if

they had any requests for varieties of trees and plants. **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 and B. Ford.

7. **Next board meeting scheduled for February 3rd @ 5pm at Milan USDA Center.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by G. Blanchard, second by J. Flickinger to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:26 PM. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman's signature: _____

