



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RISWCD July Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, July 7th, 2026 5:00 p.m. @ Milan USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Dayna Gillespie, AC
Rich Stewart, RC
Joe Gates, Cons Specialist
Rebekah Ahrens, Director
Gary Blanchard, Director
Nathan Oak, Vice Chairman
Joey Deloian, RCII
Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer
Wyatt Junis, Soil Conservationist
Bob Westpfahl, County Board Rep

ABSENT

Louis Liva, PCM Specialist
Benjamin Ford, Soil Technician
Jason Flickinger, Chairman

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice chairman N. Oak called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM. Roll call was taken.

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

B. Parchert made a motion to accept consent agenda items, G. Blanchard seconded.
MOTION PASSED.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. **FY27 RISWCD Budget** – D. Gillespie presented the first draft of the FY27 budget to the board of directors. Right now, the budget shows that RISWCD is going to be approximately \$60,000 over budget. Budget short falls were discussed, including not yet receiving funds for the NACD TA 2025 grant cycle and IDOA funding to Illinois SWCDs still being cut. Having RISWCD's two part-time employees work only on a "as needed" basis was also discussed. D. Gillespie needs to add the FY27 CPRG and I-Cover program funding to the RISWCD budget. Different funding avenues were also discussed, including water and soil testing test, landowner donations/estate planning, Rock Island County partnerships, RISWCD merchandise, and prize drawings. B. Parchert made a motion to have D. Gillespie make the changes mentioned above to the FY27 budget and bring the new draft to the August board meeting, G. Blanchard seconded that motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. **FY27 RISWCD Annual Plan of Work** – D. Gillespie presented the first draft of the RISWCD FY27 Annual Plan of Work. CPRG, I-COVER, and the Backyard Bloom Boost program need to be added to the annual plan of work. N. Oak made a motion to have D. Gillespie make the changes mentioned above to the FY27 annual plan of work and bring the new draft to the August board meeting, B. Parchert seconded that motion. **MOTIONED PASSED.**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. None

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

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

7. **Next board meeting scheduled for August 11th @ 5pm at Milan USDA Center.**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by B. Parchert, second by G. Blanchard to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman's signature: _____

