



ROCK ISLAND COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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RISWCD September Board Meeting Minutes Tuesday, September 2nd, 2025 5:00 p.m. @ Milan USDA Service Center

PRESENT

Nathan Oak, Chairman
Rich Stewart, RC
Dayna Gillespie, AC
Rebekah Ahrens, Associate Board Member
Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer
Joey Deloian, RCII
Jason Flickinger, Director
Benjamin Ford, Soil Technician
Joe Gates, Cons Specialist

ABSENT

Louis Liva, PCM Specialist
Bob Westpfahl, County Board Rep
Wyatt Junis, Soil Conservationist
Gary Blanchard, Director
Marty McManus, IDOA Rep

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman N. Oak called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Roll call was taken.

2. MOTION TO ACCEPT CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

B. Parchert made a motion to accept consent agenda items, J. Flickinger seconded.
MOTION PASSED.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Yes – Henry Ahrens, who was taking meeting notes for his Boy Scouts communication badge.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Accept Resignation of Director** – N. Oak read the resignation letter submitted by C. Nordick after the prior month's board meeting. B. Parchert made a motion to accept the resignation, J. Flickinger seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED.

- 2. Appointing Interim Director** – B. Parchert made a motion to appoint associate board member Rebekah Ahrens as Interim Director for the RISWCD board of directors, J. Flickinger seconded that motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

- 3. FY26 Annual Plan of Work** – D. Gillespie presented the FY26 Annual Plan of Work to the board that will be submitted to the IDOA. D. Gillespie did remove items from the plan that were no longer relevant under the current

federal administration. B. Parchert made a motion to accept the current FY26 Annual Plan of Work, J. Flickinger seconded that motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. **PFC Approval** – J. Deloian presented one PFC project to be approved. The project is for D. Tschappat for a water and sediment control basin and a couple of small, grassed waterways. The district would provide a total of \$3,038.51 for cost share to be completed after the crops are harvested in the fall. R. Ahrens made a motion to approve the projects, B. Parchert seconded that motion. **MOTION PASSED.**
5. **Upper Mississippi River Conference** – R. Stewart is going to attend the Upper Mississippi River Conference in Moline, IL, but because of the district's funds being cut, he will have the CRAC committee fund his conference registration. **No further action was taken.**

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **FY26 RISWCD Budget** – D. Gillespie reached out to IDOA Regional Representative, M. McManus regarding the budget being negative and he relayed that we could submit a negative budget to the IDOA. D. Gillespie is also still waiting for NACD TA2024 grant funds to be released to the district. There was a NACD line item that D. Gillespie overlooked in the FY26 budget that needs to be taken out. B. Parchert suggested pushing more sales to increase the district's income. B. Parchert made a motion to approve the FY26 RISWCD Budget, R. Ahrens seconded that motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

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

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

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – B. Parchert made the motion to move to the executive session and close the meeting, J. Flickinger seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.**

Next board meeting scheduled for DECEMBER 9TH @ 5pm at Milan NRCS Center.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by J. Flickinger, second by B. Parchert to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM. **MOTION PASSED.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Parchert, Secretary/Treasurer

Chairman's signature: 