

WOODFORD COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
**** AGENDA ****

Date: Tuesday April 28th, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM

Place: USDA NRCS office: 937 W Center St. Eureka, IL 61530

Please contact me by noon on Monday April 27 and let me know if you can attend.

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Call to Order –

Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2026

Approval of Financial Accounts Report – March 2026

Approval of Time Sheets –

Partners for Conservation –

Conservation Plans –

Zoning –

Reports –

NRCS/SWCD Team Report

Old Business –

1/ Oak Forest Initiative

2/ Log Jam in Mackinaw

3/ West Branch Roanoke update

New Business –

1/ IDOA quarterly report

2/ Summer conference voting delegate

3/ Pond shocking with McLean

4/ New Director training

5/ Banking changes

6/ AFR/Audit change of CPA

Other Business-

Adjourn

**WOODFORD COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING**

March 24, 2026

The March 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting of the Woodford County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 8:08 AM by Chairman Mark Rocke. The meeting was held at 937 W Center St, Eureka, IL.

Present:

Those present included Board Members Mark Rocke, Pete Wettstein and Gail Fisher; office staff SWCD Diane Freeman AC, and Marissa Iverson RC; NRCS staff Jeremy Beck, DC, Blake Retherford SC, Kyra Herron SCT.

Absent:

Board members Mary Jo Adams and Darrin Schertz; NRCS staff Jeremy Beck, DC, Blake Retherford SC, Kyra Herron SCT were absent.

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Wettstein, seconded by Fisher to nominate Mark Rocke as Chairman; Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Rocke to nominate Pete Wettstein as Vice Chairman; Motion made by Wettstein, seconded by Rocke to nominate Gail Fisher as Secretary/Treasurer. All Ayes. Motions carried.

Minutes:

Motion made by Fisher, seconded by Wettstein to approve the February 24, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Motion made by Wettstein, seconded by Fisher, to accept the February 2026 Financial Reports and disbursements as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Time Sheets:

Time sheets for Freeman and Iverson for the pay periods of 2//23/26 - 3/8/26 and 3/9/26 – 3/22/26 were brought to the Board. Motion made by Wettstein, seconded by Fisher, to approve the Time Sheets as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Partners for Conservation:

RC Iverson's site visit for a SSRP project has been pushed to next week. We are still taking sign-ups for FY26 PFC until March 31. Still no word from IDOA on FY26 PFC funds.

Conservation Plans:

None

Zoning:

None

SWCD/NRCS Team Report:

The SWCD Team Report for March 2026 was reviewed and discussed. Copy attached along with a typed update for NRCS as they are away at a meeting today.

Old Business

Oak Forest Initiative- The trees are supposed to be delivered to Pekin on March 25. The planting date will be April 25th at 8am which is a change from the original time of 9am.

LWG meeting-The final list of resource concerns and their rankings, as gathered from the LWG meeting and survey results (from those not able to attend) was compiled. The required meeting summary documents will be sent to the AISWCD.

Update on NRCS Admin/CRP agreements-We received \$34,000 of the \$55,890 that we are owed. The AISWCD has paid all outstanding invoices up to October 1, 2025.

Burn Clinic fall 2026- RC Iverson has been researching local people that are certified “burn bosses” to assist with the in-field portion of the burn training.

New Business:

Log Jam in Mackinaw – Discussion was had on the log jam west of Sparks Bridge on the Mackinaw River. Staff are having no luck getting anyone at the Corps to return emails or phone calls to figure out what permits will be needed. Before any decisions are made the Board thinks it would be a good idea to reach out to the landowners on the north side of the river to gage their interest in the project. Also getting ahold of a few contractors to get estimates for removal of the brush would be a good idea.

Annual Report Approval – The FY25 Annual Report was brought to the Board for review. Motion made by Wettstein, seconded by Fisher to approve the Annual Report as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Organization of Board form-The required Organization of the Board form will be submitted after the Board meeting today.

State Envirothon Sponsorship – The SWCD received a request for donations for the State Envirothon. Motion made by Wettstein, seconded by Fisher to donate \$100 towards the State Envirothon. All Ayes. Motion carried.

RC Verification form – As part of the requirements of the IDOA Operations Grant, each SWCD is required to have a RC on staff. The form stating that we have a RC with Level 3 Certification was signed by Chairman Rocke and will be returned to IDOA.

Other Business:

None

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn made by Fisher, seconded by Wettstein. All Ayes. Motion carried.

The March 24th, 2026 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

Approved by:

Diane Freeman AC

Board Members