WOODFORD COUNTY SOIL and WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING

October 28, 2025

The October 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting of the Woodford County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 8:20 AM by Chairman Mark Rocke. The meeting was held at the shed at 1922 County Rd 400 N, Congerville IL.

Present:
Those present included Board Members Mark Rocke, Glenn Busenitz, Mary Jo Adams, Darrin Schertz and Gail Fisher; office staff SWCD Diane Freeman AC, and Marissa Iverson RC; PCM Aidan Walton.

Absent:
NRCS staff Jeremy Beck DC, Blake Retherford SC, and Kyra Herron SCT, all due to the government shutdown.

Minutes:
Motion made by Adams, seconded by Busenitz to approve the September 23, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Financial Report:
Motion made by Schertz, seconded by Fisher, to accept the September 2025 Financial Reports and disbursements as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Time Sheets:
Time sheets for Freeman and Iverson for the pay periods of 9/22/25 – 10/5/25 and 10/6/25 – 10/19/25 were brought to the Board. Motion made by Busenitz, seconded by Adams, to approve the Time Sheets as presented. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Partners for Conservation:
We will be contacting cover crop participants this week to see if they got their seeding completed this fall given the dry weather. We have had one waterway project back out this week and another project has fallen through as the landowner passed away. Projects will be assessed to see if we need to transfer funds to another county that is in need.

Conservation Plans:
None

Zoning:
Two erosion control permits this month.

SWCD/NRCS Team Report:
The SWCD Team Report for October 2025 was reviewed and discussed. Copy attached. No report was given for NRCS due to the shutdown. Aidan reported that now that harvest is

complete, he is getting busy collecting harvest data and cover crop data. He also has been fielding questions about IDOA's new no-till incentive program.

Old Business:
WBPC update- Due to the federal shutdown, we have not received an update on the progress of the plan.

Oak Forest Initiative-RC Iverson has contacted Extension but has not heard back. She will reach out again.

Website- AC Freeman has reached out to Tripod to cancel our membership as of March since the website is not working. There is no phone number, only an email address. New website options are being looked at through another provider, which should take care of our ADA compliance issue as well. The cost should be around $350 a year.

New Business:
Director Elections-Busenitz, Fisher and Schertz are up for election this time. Nomination notice has been sent to the Woodford County Journal for publication.

Agreement with County for Erosion Control- Current agreement was discussed. Motion made by Schertz, seconded by Adams to continue with the Agreement. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Audit for FY26-Under the Governmental Account Audit Act, SWCDs receiving total income or revenue of $850,000 or more are required to prepare an official audit. Since we do not fall under that category, we can choose whether we want to spend the funds to have an audit completed, or just to do an AFR each year. Motion was made by Adams, seconded by Schertz to not have an official audit completed next year. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Other Business:
The tree planter will be stored for the winter at Board member Schertz's farm.

Adjourn:
Motion to adjourn made by Busenitz, seconded by Fisher. All Ayes. Motion carried.

October 28, 2025 Regular Board Meeting adjourned at 9:11 AM.

Minutes taken and transcribed by: Approved by:

Diane Freeman AC Board Members