

**Coles County SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2024**

The September board meeting of the Coles County SWCD was held on Tuesday, September 10th, 2024, at the USDA Service Center in Charleston.

Directors Present: Justin Thomas, Todd Easton, J.C. Doty

Associate Directors: None

SWCD Staff: Lauren Oertling

Guests: None

Agenda: Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:35am. The agenda was reviewed. Doty made a motion to approve the agenda. Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Doty made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Easton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Timesheets: Employee timesheets were reviewed.

Travel Reports: Employee travel reports were reviewed. A correction was made to Oertling's travel report. Easton made a motion to approve the travel reports as amended. Doty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Financial Reports:

July financial reports were reviewed. Easton made a motion to approve the reports. Doty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Correspondence:

None

Business:

No Action Required:

Oertling reviewed the status of the AISWCD's petition to restore funding to Illinois SWCDs. The deadline to submit petition signatures has been extended through next month.

Oertling reminded the directors that the conservationist of the year will need to be selected soon, and to be thinking about nominations.

Action Required:

Easton made a motion to table discussion of modifications to the FY25 budget until the next meeting. Doty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Charleston Tree Commission is applying for a grant to help fund educational programs and forestry work around Lake Charleston and has requested a letter of support. Doty made a motion to provide a letter of support for the project. Easton seconded, and the motion carried.

The district received an invoice from AISWCD for the second installment of the association's dues, which also included a request for a donation to the AISWCD Foundation. Easton made a motion to pay the dues, but not to make a donation this time. Doty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The term of two directors will be up next year. Oertling will look up who's terms are expiring, call the nomination committee, and start the paperwork for the election which will take place in February. No action needed at this time.

Staff Reports: Attached

Open Discussion: None

Upcoming Events: See Calendar

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Bill Janes, Chairman