

**Coles County SWCD
Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2026**

The June board meeting of the Coles County SWCD was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at the USDA Service Center in Charleston.

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

Associate Directors: None

SWCD Staff: Kellie Diveley, Julie Gass, and Malina Przygoda

Guests: None

Agenda: The meeting started at 7:38. The agenda was reviewed. Easton made a motion to approve the agenda, Davis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Minutes: The May meeting minutes were reviewed. Davis made a motion to approve the minutes, Easton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Timesheets: Employee timesheets were reviewed.

Travel Reports: May's milage reports were reviewed. Davis made a motion to approve the milage, Easton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Reports:

The financial reports for May were reviewed. Davis made a motion to approve the financial reports, Easton seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence:

None

Business:

No Action Required:

The board was reminded that the July meeting was moved to the 21st due to Summer Conference

Doty attended a meeting with Coles County Farm Bureau the morning of the board meeting. He handed out the material that he was provided and said Farm Bureau may be applying for a grant to help with a field day to educate on water quality in the next year. More on that to come.

Our phone number has changed for the whole building. The new number is 217-208-4001 (SWCD/NRCS Field Office will still be extension 3).

IDOA Operation Funds will remain at half funding for the coming year. All districts have also been notified that FY27 PFC funds will be going exclusively to ICOVER this coming year. Hopefully FY28 funds will be hitting our account in July 2027, leaving us with only a 7-month gap in PFC funds (January to July 2027).

Stephen Head, NRCS field staff in our office, has given notice that his last day is July 30th. Due to current federal restrictions, it is unclear when his position will be filled. Until then, Andy Brantner, our District Conservationist, will be coming down about three days a week to assist.

Action Required:

The budget was reviewed. Davis made a motion to approve the budget, Doty seconded. The motion carried.

The Annual Plan of Work was reviewed. Doty made a motion to approve the plan, Davis seconded. The motion carried.

Przygoda has training in Peoria on 8/11, the day of the August board meeting. The next board meeting was moved to 8/18 to accommodate this.

Staff Reports: Attached

Open Discussion: Annual reviews were discussed. It was agreed that the board will do annual reviews after the conclusion of the July board meeting.

Closed Discussion: There was a closed meeting from 8:35-8:45 am.

After the meeting was reopened, Easton made a motion that all work, aside from travel, must be done in the Soil and Water office. Shutdowns and other extenuating circumstances can be addressed by the board on a case-by-case basis. Doty seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Upcoming Events:

June 30th: FLASH Field Day

July 3rd: Independence Day Observed (closed)

July 13-15th: Summer Conference

July 16th: RC&D (Champaign)

July 21st: Next Board Meeting and Reviews

Closing: The meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Bill Janes, Chairman

