

**WHITE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2023

The regular monthly board meeting of the White County Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 7:23 a.m., March 14, 2023, by Chairman Bryan Tomm in the conference room of the USDA building.

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Brandon Barbre, Bryan Tomm, and Laura Whitsitt.

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mark Colbert and Kent Williams.

DISTRICT PERSONNEL: Jewel Brooks, Administrative Coordinator.

NRCS PERSONNEL: Rhonda Cox, District Conservationist.

MINUTES:

Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, to approve February 7, 2023, board meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made by Laura Whitsitt, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve the Treasurer's Report for February. Motion carried.

SWCD STAFF REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Jewel Brooks, Administrative Coordinator, presented a report as attached. Information was provided on the IDOA RCPP grant for climate smart practices with NRCS. Brandon Barbre made a motion, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, to approve the report and proceed with Conservation/Safety Day plans with Farm Bureau; motion carried.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT: None.

NRCS REPORT: Rhonda Cox, District Conservationist, presented a report as attached. IRA Fact sheets were provided.

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS / TRAVEL REPORTS:

Motion was made by Laura Whitsitt, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to approve a travel/expense report and timesheets for Jewel Brooks. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- AISWCD – Legislative Updates were provided.
- IDOA-BLWR March-April report was presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

- NRCS Administrative invoice for February work was reviewed.
- Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, to approve Rita Becker's February WREP report and payment to her per Agreement; motion carried.
- Voting Record from Annual Meeting was signed by Chairman Tomm.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Director Acceptance of Office forms were provided. Reorganization of the board: Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, for Bryan Tomm to serve as Chairman, Laura Whitsitt as Vice, and Brandon Barbre as Secretary/Treasurer. Motion carried.
- Motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Laura Whitsitt, to approve the FY 2023 PFC Practice Component List; motion carried.
- Economic Interest Statements were distributed.
- Employee matters: Applications for the RC position received to date were discussed. Motion was made by Laura Whitsitt, seconded by Brandon Barbre, to retain current applicants and sponsor the job position on Indeed up to \$500 with the purchase of a prepaid Visa card. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:

The next board meeting will be held on April 4, 2023, at 7:15 a.m., in the conference room of the USDA Service Center building.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without further business, motion was made by Brandon Barbre, seconded by Kent Williams, to adjourn. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Jewel L. Brooks:

Jewel L. Brooks, Administrative Coordinator



Signature

Approved by:

Brandon Barbre, Secretary-Treasurer



Signature