

OGLE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

November 13, 2025

The regularly scheduled monthly board meeting of the Ogle County Soil and Water Conservation District was held November 13, 2025, at the Ogle County Farm Bureau, Oregon, IL. Chairperson Marcia Heuer called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE:

DIRECTORS:

Marcia Heuer, Chairperson
Cade Bushnell, Sec/Treasurer
Jon Pearson
Kayse Rushford

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:

Ed Baker
Darin Dehaan
Terry Reeverts
Henry Tideman

OTHERS ATTENDING:

Alexa Skirmont, PCM Specialist, IL Corn Growers / Ogle SWCD
Brian Lindquist, Resource Conservationist, Ogle SWCD
Sterling Taylor, Executive Director, Ogle SWCD

DIRECTORS ARRIVING LATE – None

DIRECTORS DEPARTING EARLY – None

DIRECTORS ABSENT – Cody Considine, Vice Chairperson

AGENDA

Chairperson Heuer asked for additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, Jon Pearson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kayse Rushford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Chairperson Heuer asked for additions or corrections to the October 9, 2025, minutes. Hearing none, Cade Bushnell made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Kayse Rushford seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The October 2025 financial report in comparison to the budget had been emailed to the directors earlier. The account balances and the credit card statements were also reviewed. Kayse Rushford made a motion to accept the financial report and to pay the bills as presented. Cade Bushnell seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Employee time sheets were reviewed. Kayse Rushford made a motion to approve the time sheets as presented. Jon Pearson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

PFC/SSRP/PPCC COST-SHARE

Sterling Taylor stated no action was needed.

CONSERVATION PLANS, REVISIONS, or CANCELLATIONS

Sterling Taylor stated no action was needed.

NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY REPORTS

Brian Lindquist stated no action was needed.

REPORTS

IDOA BUREAU OF LAND & WATER, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, Shelly Steging – Shelly Steging was not able to attend. Any other correspondence from IDoA had been forwarded via email earlier.

BLACKHAWK HILLS REGIONAL COUNCIL, Darin Dehaan – Darin Dehaan said the last council meeting was cancelled. The Council continues to work on the multi-generational housing design contest.

NW IL BIRD and NATURE ALLIANCE/PRAIRIE PRESERVATION, Kayse Rushford – Kayse Rushford shared several of the activities of the group.

NACHUSA GRASSLANDS, Molly Duncan- Molly Duncan was not able to attend.

MIDDLE ROCK PARTNERS, Cody Considine- Cody Considine was not able to attend.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Sterling Taylor- Sterling Taylor said he and other District employees have been working from home due to the Federal government shutdown. He reviewed some information concerning a Technical Assistance Grant through the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Cooperative Agreement with the AISWCD. Sterling also said he has spent most of the remaining time on District administration. Sterling said other things he had to discuss were later on the agenda.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST, Brian Lindquist- Brian Lindquist stated he worked on some general projects but was limited by computer and email access due to the federal government shutdown. Brian said he is coordinating District prairie seedings for this fall.

PCM SPECIALIST, Alexa Skirmont- Alexa Skirmont stated she has been busy gathering fall data from producers.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST, Jeff Woodyatt- Jeff Woodyatt was not able to attend but had prepared a written report on his activities.

NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST, Aaron Seim- Aaron Seim was not able to attend due to the Federal shutdown.

AISWCD, Eliot Clay- Any correspondence from the AISWCD had been forwarded via email earlier.

PHEASANTS FOREVER, Vacant-

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NACD Technical Grant – Sterling Taylor shared the purpose of the grant. He said Jeff Woodyatt has been preparing the application, but it has been stalled due to the federal government shutdown. The deadline has been extended. Item will be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at the next meeting.

Ogle SWCD Website – Sterling Taylor shared that Jeff Woodyatt has been working to create a website for the Ogle Co. SWCD. Although it is still “under construction”, it is accessible at ogleswscd.org . Some discussion followed. No action needed.

Ogle SWCD Audit – Sterling Taylor said he has been in contact with the auditor and the audit should be completed in the next 2 weeks. Item will be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

AISWCD NRCS Administrative Agreement – Sterling Taylor shared the purpose of the agreement. He said Jeff Woodyatt has been preparing the application. Item will be placed on the agenda for discussion and action at the next meeting.

Ogle County Wind/Solar Site Reviews – Sterling Taylor reviewed the progress of a proposed agreement for the Ogle Co. SWCD to assist the County by conducting reviews of some items within the zoning ordinances. No action was taken. Item will be discussed at the next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Due to a conflict on the regularly scheduled day, it was agreed the next regular Board Meeting will be scheduled for Friday, December 12, 2025, at 8:00 am.

No other business was brought before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Being there was no other business, at 8:27 a.m. Chairperson Heuer adjourned the meeting.

Cade Bushnell, Secretary Date
Ogle County Soil and Water
Conservation District

Sterling Taylor, Recorder Date

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APPROVED 12-12-2025