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**Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District**  
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**Logan County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes 5/7/2019**

The March-April-May 2019 meeting of the Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District Board was held on May 7, 2019 in the Lincoln USDA Service Center at 1650 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, Illinois.

Directors present were: Doug Thompson-Chairman, Cheryl Baker-Vice Chairperson, Dean Sasse-Sec.-Treas., Kent Kleinschmidt and Dave Allspach.

District staff present: Steve Bracey, RC

NRCS staff: Jamie Thompson – Soil Conservationist (SC), absent

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by Chairman Thompson.

**Secretary Report:** Board members reviewed the minutes from the March 7, 2019 board meeting. Cheryl Baker moved to approve the minutes. Kent Kleinschmidt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Board members reviewed the balance sheet and general ledger for March, April and May to date. All financial statements were emailed previously. Cheryl Baker moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Dave Allspach seconded. The motion was approved.

**Staff reports:** Jamie Thompson, SC, submitted a written report and Steve shared it with the Board. She has been working on securing engineering job approval. She has helped conduct field surveys on several waterways and has been working on the design process with Sangamon County technician Shawn Wilken and Steve. She has also assisted Menard County with an EQIP site visit. She has also been busy with area meetings and online training requirements. A written copy of her report will be put on file.

Steve Bracey, RC, reviewed his written report with the Board. He reported that he has been working on waterway designs for CRP. He has completed survey work on 66.5 acres of waterway and completed designs for 36.2 acres. He has been busy with the tree sale, fish sale, Arbor Day presentations and drill repair.. A copy of his written report will be put on file.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:**

- A. Bellrose Wetland Monitoring – Steve presented the Board a copy of the acceptance letter from U of I indicating that they would be conducting the monitoring duties this summer for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. IDNR will approve the work and then submit to the SWCD for payment. IDNR has provided \$20,500 since June 2007 for monitoring Ron Bellrose's wetland project and \$10732.50 has been spent to date leaving a balance of \$9767.50. The contracted amount with U of I is \$9699.

**New Business:**

- a. Time Sheets – Cheryl Baker reviewed Steve’s time sheets. Dean Sasse moved to approve the time sheets as reviewed. Kent Kleinschmidt seconded. Motion was approved.
- b. Summer Conference – is scheduled for July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Steve asked for interested board members to let him know if they would attend. Dave Allspach will attend with Steve on Monday and Doug Thompson will attend on Tuesday and represent Logan County as the voting delegate.
- c. Prevailing wage – Steve provided a copy of a recent email indicating that we are no longer required to approve an annual prevailing wage ordinance or resolution each June or publish the annual notice of approval in the newspaper.
- d. CRP contract revisions– None
- e. State Cost Share Program – We have received \$21,000 for cost share purposes this year. Steve reviewed the guidelines with the Board. Discussion followed. Dean Sasse moved to earmark \$5000 for cover crops with the same rules as last year (60% cost share rate, 40 acre maximum with \$800 per landowner maximum) and \$16,000 for structural practices. The cost share rate will be 50% for structural practices with a \$4000 maximum award to a landowner. Cheryl Baker seconded. Motion carried.
- f. Civil Rights Review Checklist – Steve provided each Board member with the checklist and provided a short summary. Dean Sasse moved to accept and sign the checklist. Dave Allspach seconded. Motion was approved. All Board members signed the checklist.
- g. County Board Request – The District’s \$4000 allocation request was approved last fall by the Logan County Board. Kent Kleinschmidt moved to request the \$4000 allocation from the County Board. Dean Sasse seconded. The motion was approved. Chairman Thompson signed the request letter that Steve had prepared.
- h. RC contract – Steve’s contract expires June 30, 2019. Dean Sasse moved to extend Steve’s contract to September 1, 2019. Cheryl Baker seconded. The motion carried.

**Adjournment:** Dean Sasse motioned to adjourn the meeting and Cheryl Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17AM by Chairman Thompson.

Minutes compiled by Steve Bracey, Resource Conservationist

Approved by Logan County SWCD 8/15/19

Presiding Officer 

Sec.-Treasurer 