



Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District

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Logan County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes 2/26/2026

The February meeting of the Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District Board was held on February 26, 2026, at 8:00 am in the district office at 1650 5th Street, Lincoln, Illinois.

Directors present: David Allspach-Chairman, Sec. Treasurer Dean Sasse and Randy Baker and Doug Thompson

Absent: Kent Kleinschmidt – Vice Chairman

District staff present: – Andrew Fulton-District Conservationist (DC), Jamie Thompson, Soil Conservationist (SC), Steve Bracey - Resource Conservationist (RC) and Alec Hayes- Conservation Program Outreach Specialist.

The meeting was called to order at 8:04 A.M. by Chairman Allspach.

Secretary Report: Board members reviewed the minutes of the January 29, 2026, board meeting. Doug Thompson moved to approve the minutes. Randy Baker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Board members reviewed the balance sheet and general ledger for January 2026 and February to date. All financial statements were emailed previously. Randy Baker moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Doug Thompson seconded. The motion was approved.

Staff reports:

Jamie Thompson, Soil Conservationist - Jamie has been working on annual EQIP/CSP contract reviews and has met with Financial Assistance Program applicants for conservation planning needs.

She has also completed re-certification training for Prescribed Burn Awareness.

She has assisted with training for co-workers and partners employees.

She continues to provide conservation related services via calls and walk-ins to clientele.

A copy of her written report will be kept on file.

Andrew Fulton, District Conservationist – Andrew reported that EQIP has been dominating his time in Sangamon and Menard Counties.

Alec Hayes, Program Outreach Coordinator - He has helped with two waterway surveys. He has also surveyed wind turbine exclusion areas for Jim Brown and Jared Maxheimer for the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program (CPRG program). The CPRG program has required many hours of his time confirming eligibility for producers and preparing conservation plans in conservation desktop.

He has also gone on field visits with IDOA planner Ian Vanderventer for status reviews and suitability/ feasibility site determinations.

A copy of his report will be kept on file.

Steve Bracey, RC, reviewed his written report with the board. He has been working with Alec to complete the eligibility and acre confirmation for the CPRG program. The CPRG program has consumed much of his time for the last month.

He has been on two waterway surveys and designed 1 grade stabilization structure. 1 waterway construction check was performed.

He has been preparing materials for the local work group meeting.

Steve informed the board that Andrew Fulton and Katie Rebbe from Menard had secured a newer improved Trimble instrument for surveying practices. The acquisition is much appreciated.

A copy of his written report will be put on file.

Correspondence:

- a. There was no new correspondence to review. Steve did review last month's email from NACD pertaining to the TA grant money that we have not yet received. This prompted some discussion on the budget and the need to prepare the FY27 budget early this year.

Old Business:

- a. General Election – The election was held on Thursday, February 5th.

New Business:

- a. Approve time sheets – Dean Sasse has reviewed the time sheets and moved to approve Steve and Alec's time sheets. Doug Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- b. Approve CRP contracts – there were no plans at this time.
- c. Approve Conservation Plans – Dean Sasse moved to approve the numerous conservation plans for producers in the CPRG program. Randy Baker seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- d. State Cost Share Program update – Steve informed the board that the Klockenga project is likely to be completed this spring. A structure has been designed for the Edwards Trust and Steve is waiting for a decision from the farm manager. A few more producers have expressed interest in having potential projects investigated this spring.
- e. CREP Program update – the CREP easement has not yet been executed by IDNR. Closing should occur very soon.
- f. Local Work Group – The board discussed the local work group material that Steve provided. The board individually filled out the material for prioritizing resource concerns conservation practices. The board discussed the proposed list of guests that will be invited to participate in this process that is geared towards prioritizing resource concerns and program delivery methods. The board would like to have a representative from the County Board, Zoning Board, Extension Service, local financial institution (farm manager), wildlife organization and local ag producers. Results of the meeting will be compiled and sent to the NRCS State Technical Committee.

Adjournment – Dean Sasse moved to adjourn the meeting. Doug Thompson seconded the motion. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM by Chairman Allspach

Minutes compiled by Steve Bracey, Resource Conservationist

Approved by Logan County SWCD _____

Presiding Officer _____

Sec.-Treasurer _____