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Boone County SWCD Board

Present

Bill Hall.....Chairman

Jack Ratcliffe.....Secretary/Treasurer

Mike Frank.....Vice-Chairman

Todd Aves.....Director

Aaron Brahmstedt.....Director

Absent

Attendees

Heather VanTilburg.....SWCD

Luke Trexler.....NRCS

Jennifer Becker.....NRCS

SWCD Meeting 09/03/2025

Bill Hall called the meeting to order at 8:02 A.M.

Minutes

The August meeting minutes were approved by Mike Frank and seconded by Todd Aves.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Finance Report

Heather VanTilburg gave the finance report. Current funds are \$263,500.85 in Midland checking account and \$15,064.04 in Midland savings. The Illinois Funds account is \$261,586.10. There was a motion made by Jack Ratcliffe, seconded by Aaron Brahmstedt to approve the finance report. The motion passed unanimously.

Timesheets

Jack Ratcliffe approved the timesheets.

Reports

Jennifer Becker and Luke Trexler gave the NRCS report. Ms. Becker and Mr. Trexler reported that they've been working mostly on CRP for the upcoming deadline, finishing up contracts for Boone and Stephenson counties.

Heather VanTilburg gave the SWCD report. Ms. VanTilburg discussed upcoming trainings and asked to attend a Stormwater Leadership training course later this month. Todd Aves motioned to approve the training registration fee, seconded by Aaron Brahmstedt. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. VanTilburg reviewed committees and meetings, and erosion and sediment inspections for last month. She then briefly went over the district's cost share program, reporting that there are a couple of fall projects set to be finished in the next couple of months and that there is interest for next year's funding cycle. Ms. VanTilburg stated that the district should be set to have an open signup period later this month for FY26 projects. She concluded with an overview of NRIs completed and upcoming reports to complete.

2026 Director Election

Ms. VanTilburg discussed the date of the 2026 Director election with the board. Todd Aves motioned to hold the election on Wednesday January 7th, 2026. Mike Frank seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Mike Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Jack Ratcliffe. Motion carried.