

Grundy County SWCD  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Minutes of November 21, 2023

Directors present: Tyson Dollinger, David Lowery, and Mark Mitchell  
Staff present: Brooke Katcher and Lauren Lenox  
NRCS Staff: Jen Hamer  
Guest present: None

Mark Mitchell called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

Agenda Review: No Changes

Public Comments: None

September Minutes: Tyson Dollinger made a motion to approve the September minutes and David Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

September/October Financials: Tyson Dollinger made a motion to approve the September/October financials with a second by David Lowery. Motion carried.

Outstanding Bills: None

Employee Timesheets : David Lowery made a motion to approve the October/November timesheets and Tyson Dollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NRCS Report: The report was as written. Jen commented on a few additional things and answered questions from the board.

- Jen was back in the office from her 120 day detail as of November 6<sup>th</sup>
- Katundra is acting DC for St. Charles/Woodstock until the position is filled.
- Jeremy Bauers ASTC position has been advertised to be filled. His detail has been extended
- Collin Nye is the new IDOA Conservation Planner in our office.
- We are under a continuing resolution until February
- The Farm Bill has been extended to continue the programs it was operating with until a new one is approved
- The FY24 application deadlines have been released
- If anyone has projects to do or programs they want to get in, this is the best time Jen's ever seen to get them funded and suggests getting started with applying now
- All previous programs are still an option focusing on the same things but there is an ACT Now option that will have a selection every 2 weeks until the funding is spent starting January 5<sup>th</sup> as the first cutoff.

RC Report: The report was as written with the following additions

- Lauren was contacted with 3 waterways and is working with Vicki to hopefully get them planned and will use toward her Planner 3

AC: Brooke's report was as written.

C-2000 Applications:

ESC: Tyson Dollinger made a motion to approve the Male, Phillips, and Brockman covercrops for this year. Payment can be made as soon as the final paperwork is signed and can be sent in to IDOA with approvals to then pay. David Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SPP: None

SSRP: None

OLD BUSINESS

**Budget:** The Grant Agreement came for FY24 money and has to be back by December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**AFR/FMP:** FMP has been submitted to IDOA and if there are any changes once the AFR is completed by the auditor we can make those changes. We should have that done by the end of the month.

**Grant Agreement Signature and Approval:** Tyson Dollinger made a motion to approve the signature on the agreement and David Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

**FOIA:** Mark signed the FOIA policy for the county for the next year and the board approved that there were no changes.

**Holidays:** The District will be closed during the week of Christmas until New Years.

**LUC 3:** The next meeting will be December 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. Lauren will send the link to Tyson and Mark and one of them will get on.

**Signature Authority for CRP:** Tyson Dollinger made a motion to give Lauren Lenox signature authority for CRP contracts for the District and keep Brooke on to also sign if need be. David Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**NRI's:** David Lowery made a motion to approve the Dupont River Solar NRI as presented, and Tyson Dollinger seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tyson Dollinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 a.m. and David Lowery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. on January 16, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted: *Brooke Katcher*