

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2026

Director, Jeff Deets, called the meeting to order March 4, 2026 at 5:54 pm Location: 109 W Main St, Morrison, IL

Members present were: Jeff Deets, Jay Dirks, Levi Lewis, and Randy Kleckler

District Staff: Blake Leu – AC

NRCS Personnel: None

Guest: Sammy Dalati

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Jay Dirks, seconded by Levi Lewis, to approve the February 4, 2026 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, approved time sheets, and pending bills: Levi Lewis gave report. Randy Kleckler made a motion, seconded by Jay Dirks, to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, and pending bills. Motion carried.

NRCS Report: Report attached.

AC Report: Report attached.

Old Business – Organization of the Board – The Board will be organized as follows: Jeff Deets (SWCD Chairperson & Ed. Fund Director), Jay Dirks (SWCD Vice-Chairperson & Ed. Fund Chairperson), Levi Lewis (SWCD Sec/Treasurer & Ed. Fund Sec/Treasurer), Brian Langloss (SWCD & Ed. Fund Director), Randy Kleckler (SWCD Director & Ed. Fund Vice-Chairperson). A motion was made by Levi Lewis to add Sammy Dalati as an associate Director and seconded by Jay Dirks. Motion Carried.

Food Plot Seed – Pheasants Forever doesn't have a Chapter in Whiteside, and Carroll will no longer have free food plot seed with Whiteside County. Blake will reach out to other counties to see if we can work with them this year.

New Business – Habitat Grant – The habitat grant rules will be looked over and adjusted. A motion was made by Jay Dirks to pay \$933.25 (50%) of the project with a year of completion starting March 5, 2026. Seconded by Randy Kleckler. Motion Carried.

NAG's and SWCD – Sammy discussed with the board multiple subjects included leases, grant funding, the Natural Land Institute, etc. A copy of the spring slough leases was given to Blake Leu to keep in the office.

Natural Land Institute Donation – Natural Land Institute wanting a donation from the SWCD was mentioned.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Jay Dirks motioned, seconded by Randy Kleckler to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 pm. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will be scheduled for April 1, 2026 unless otherwise noted.

Approved by:

Transcribed by: Blake Leu, AC