

**Piscataquis County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.
Meeting Minutes**

November 9, 2023 at 4pm.

Attendance:

Staff: Sarah Robinson, Kacey Weber

Supervisors: Jensen Bissell, Kent Black

Assoc. Supervisors: Molly London, Carolyn Ziegra, Kim Merritt, Toby Hall

The Meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams.

Establish a Quorum: Chair Jensen Bissell opened the meeting at 4:07 pm. Quorum was established after voting Kim Merritt in.

Consent Agenda - Motion and second to approve the consent agenda. Unanimous to approve. This includes the previous minutes, grant reports and staff reports.

Finance Report - Sarah presented and reviewed the dashboard. We currently have a surplus. Motion and second to approve the financial report. Unanimous to approve. Budget overview - surplus is projected, but includes funding from the county. Because funding is unclear, Sarah proposed we hold off on the budget vote until the December meeting. Reviewed the miscellaneous, salaries, workshops & programs categories.

New Business - Motion and second to approve recommended Christmas bonus. Unanimous to approve. **Election** - Molly London and Carolyn Ziegra voted in as supervisors. Kacey will present documentation to MACD. **Grants Contract with Bill Bayreuther** - Reviewed the contract. Motion and second to approve the contract. Unanimous to approve.

Executive Director Report - County Commissioners update provided. We do not know what will be approved for funding. Sarah will report information and updates to the Board. MCF - grant submitted, follow-up phone call complete, feeling hopeful. UMaine TSP Grant - Jessica Leahy submitted a grant. Many potential partners and the position would support many organizations and roles. Maine Conservation Corp Community Tree Steward grant submitted. Jan Santerre reached out and asked Sarah to apply. Christmas Tree photos this Sunday - sold out quickly. PCSWCD Stickers and t-shirts should be coming soon. Ordered 48 t-shirts, will charge \$25. Trunk or Treat outreach event was great. TNC - hasn't had a chance to get into the field with Marc due to busy schedules, but Marc is doing well and working right along. Properties in good shape. Rain barrels taken down at the Law Farm. Seth Ostrosky reported that there was a fire ring at the homestead area, which he has taken care of. Seth will be working at both the Williamsburg Forest and the Law Farm next year. Privy floor at the Williamsburg Forest doesn't present a danger, although it is "soft". A new structure or some added decking may be required. Toby and Kent to work on re-securing the base in the Spring. Boy scouts making 5 benches for the Williamsburg Forest. Discussions about plowing the road into Williamsburg. There are funds in the MCF grant to pay for plowing. Sarah and Kacey attended the Maine TREE awards program, which was great to go to. They awarded the Forest Immersion Program and UMaine SFR, among others. Molly noted seeing this partnership growing and becoming a very positive relationship for both organizations.

Board Development - Sam and Toby harvested the hazelnuts, dried and ready to separate. Board meeting & holiday mixer in December. Jensen and Kent to work on bog bridges at the Law Farm in December.

Upcoming Events/Dates - Christmas Tree Mini Sessions at the Law Farm - 11/12; Local Working Group meeting December 5th; Board Meeting December 7th.

Meeting ended at 5:29pm

PCSWCD Meeting Attendance Record

2023 Attendance	1/12	2/9	3/9	4/13	5/119	6/8	7/13	9/14	10/12	11/9	12/7
<i>Supervisors</i>											
Jensen Bissell, chair	x	X	X	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	
Jim Ferrante, vice chair		X	X	X	NA	X	X	X	X		
Kent Black	x		X	X	NA	X	X	X		X	
<i>Associate Supervisors</i>											
Steve Tatko	x				NA	X					
Mike Pouch					NA	X				X	
Sam Brown	x	X	X		NA	X	X	X	X		
Toby Hall	x	X			NA	X	X	X		X	
Kim Merrit	x	X	X		NA	X	X	X		X	
Molly London					NA	X	X			X	
Carolyn Ziegra							X			X	
<i>Staff</i>											
Sarah Robinson Ex Dir	x	X	X	X	NA	X	X	X	X	X	
Seth Jones NRCS DS	x	X		X	NA	X	X	X			
Kacey Weber	x	X	X	X	NA		X	X	X	X	
Marc Warren	x				NA						