

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

July 13, 2023 at 4pm.

Attendance:

Staff: Sarah Robinson, Kacey Weber

Supervisors: Jensen Bissell, Jim Ferrante, Kent Black

Assoc. Supervisors: Donna Coffin, Toby Hall, Kim Merritt, Sam Brown, Molly London, Carolyn Ziegra

Guests: Elisa Schine, Carl Bickford

The Meeting was conducted in person at the Law Farm.

Establish a Quorum: Chair Jensen Bissell opened the meeting at 4:03 pm. Quorum was established.

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 - Reviewed Tree & Plant and Trout sales. Discussed the 3% reimbursement from TNC. Motion and second to approve the finance reports for May as presented. Unanimous to approve.

District Conservationist Report - Seth continues to work on getting new applications in hand. Carl Bickford joined the meeting to announce he has taken a new forestry position with NRCS and will be working out of the Skowhegan office starting August 1st.

New Business - We received an increase from the state, from \$25,000 annually to \$37,500. After a motion, 2nd and a unanimous approval, we welcomed Carolyn Ziegra as a new associate supervisor on our Board. Kacey and Sarah to follow-up with documents needed to get her initiated. Sarah provided an update on the Strategic Plan - in an effort to reduce workload on Sue Mackey Andrews, Sarah offered to complete the formatting of PCSWCD's Strategic Plan. Over the next few months, Sarah will work with the Board and staff to finalize the document. The Board nominated and voted to approve Kacey Weber as PCSWCD's Election Superintendent for 2023/24. Jensen signed the necessary documents for this nomination and Kacey will submit to Tom Gordon at MACD.

Executive Director Report - Sarah reported that we attended a PCSWCD fundraiser at the Thompson Free Library. Darling's had their ice cream truck there and attendees were able to learn about what we do and get ice cream by donation to the District. The Onion Foundation grant was submitted by Kacey. The grant includes funding for 2 years of education work in schools and covers the costs completely for the Teen Wilderness Expedition program. The grant also includes funding for public land upkeep, as the public lands are used extensively for educational purposes. Sarah attended the Atlantic Salmon Federation talk with the Nature Conservancy. They met to discuss the dam project by the Mayo Mill. Sarah mentioned it was informative and well-attended. They received a lot of great support and feedback from the community. The purpose of the meeting was to gather ideas from the public that they will then use in their proposal. The hole that was dug for the privy at the Williamsburg Forest will be filled in soon by William London & Son.

Board Development - The knotweed project at the Williamsburg Forest is underway with Ron and is showing potential. On July 18th, Kent, Jensen and Sarah will meet to discuss fundraising efforts with the Forest Society of Maine.

Upcoming Events/Dates - Teen Wilderness Expedition 7/18-20th; Plant Paddle 8/1; Wild Blueberry Days 8/6; Forest Heritage Days 8/12; Foraging 8/13; Soil Health at Stutzman's Farm 8/30; Educator of the Year Award 1PM 9/8; September Board Mtg 9/14; NACD Regional Conference Sept. 17-20th.

Meeting ended at 5:10pm

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	12/14
<i>Supervisors</i>											
Jensen Bissell, chair	x	X	X	X	NA	X	X				
Mike Pouch					NA	X					
Steve Tatko	x				NA	X					
Jim Ferrante		X	X	X	NA	X	X				
Kent Black	x		X	X	NA	X	X				
<i>Associate Supervisors</i>											
Sam Brown	x	X	X		NA	X	X				
Donna Coffin		X	X	X	NA	X	X				
Toby Hall	x	X			NA	X	X				
Kim Merrit	x	X	X		NA	X	X				
Molly London					NA	X	X				
Carolyn Ziegra							X				
<i>Staff</i>											
Sarah Robinson Ex Dir	x	X	X	X	NA	X	X				
Seth Jones NRCS DS	x	X		X	NA	X	X				
Kacey Weber	x	X	X	X	NA		X				

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Marc Warren	X				NA						