

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

December 14, 2023 at 4pm.

Attendance:

Staff: Sarah Robinson, Kacey Weber
 Supervisors: Jensen Bissell, Jim Ferrante
 Assoc. Supervisors: Carolyn Ziegra, Kim Merritt, Toby Hall
 Guests: [Cheryl Gormley](#)

The Meeting was conducted via Microsoft Teams.

Establish a Quorum: Chair Jensen Bissell opened the meeting at 4:15 pm. Quorum was established after voting Carolyn Ziegra 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 - Presented by [Cheryl Gormley](#) and Sarah. Revenue funding includes county funding (level funded) and HHH funding. Board to discuss how HHH funding will be allocated and will be put in the admin line. Fundraising line is estimated low. Grant writer is a big expense in the budget. Budgeted raises for all employees. Budgeted expense for land management. Did receive \$15,000 from Maine Community Foundation and \$5,000 of that amount would go towards land management. Endowment conversations. Dashboard - took in 12,500 not expecting. Vote and approved budget and move of 12,500 to restricted funds. Moving those funds to savings accounts noted as Board designated funds.

New Business - Local Working Group meeting - well attended. Topics discussed included invasives, soil health, etc.

Executive Director Report - Got \$15,000 from MCF. T-shirts and stickers came in. Appeal brought in \$1,775.00 so far. Toby noted that we should consider investing donations received. Board to send out thank you cards to donors. Sarah attended the SAF meeting and it was great to be a part of that conversation. Elisa presented her final project for school, but will add to it with Molly for PCSWCD's final FMP. Len Price paid for the trees. Need discussion to decide on Len's proposal of replanting trees and that will take place at the next meeting.

Upcoming Events/Dates - Sarah and Kacey planning 2024 events.

Meeting ended at 5:03pm

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	X

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Jim Ferrante, vice chair		X	X	X	NA	X	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	X
Kim Merrit	x	X	X		NA	X	X	X		X	X
Molly London					NA	X	X			X	
Carolyn Ziegra							X			X	X
<i>Staff</i>											
Sarah Robinson Ex Dir	x	X	X	X	NA	X	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	X
Marc Warren	x				NA						