

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

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**May 8 2025 at 4pm.**

Attendance:

Staff: Kacey Weber, Carl Bickford, NRCS

Supervisors: Jensen Bissell, Kent Black, Carolyn Ziegra, Molly London

Assoc. Supervisors: Sam Brown, Arthur Wilkins, Alani Worden, Toby Hall

Guests:

The Meeting was conducted at the NRCS Office.

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

**Consent Agenda** - Motion and second to approve the consent agenda and April dashboard. Unanimous to approve. This includes the previous minutes, grant reports, February dashboard and staff reports. A motion was made and unanimous to approve.

**Finance Report** - *See attached dashboard.* A motion made and unanimous to approve.

**NRCS report:** Carl working solo for the time being.  $\frac{3}{4}$  way through current obligations, after this is completed will begin working on new applications. Carl asking for patience from all.

**Education Coordinator / Executive Director Report Highlights -**

Kacey reported, *reports attached.*

Submitted Onion Foundation Grant (\$58k for Education Coordinator and some ED program). This would cover Aug 2025 - Aug 2027. Maine Healthy Soils grant nearly finished, waiting on equipment cost quotes.

Dustin submitted resignation for EC position, is willing to stay on as presentation partner in future. New EC set to start May 19, is alternate candidate from fall hiring round. She will be joining school events ASAP to get exposure prior to summer vacation so she is prepared in September. Board is hopeful that the new EC will fit in well re: scheduling and career goals.

Tree and plant sale complete, Kacey sold all the trees! Pickup date is May 15.

Erika Landry / Sienna Cloth (sp?) in communication with Kacey for photo fundraiser.

Onion Foundation meeting: AMC, Rural Aspirations, Maine TREE, Maine Audubon, District, MREC (PEAK) – Onion Foundation reps from Portland visited and were interested in existing collaboration/partnerships in Piscataquis County. Sam's chainsaw safety workshop is growing in enrollment!

Mushroom log workshop: Two Knights Brewing in Sangerville, resounding success and hope to hold future events there. John (brewer) is really interested in hosting more District events.

Maine Tree Farm, Farmer of the Year award: Molly working on getting Williamsburg Forest in the running. May 19 is date for Maine Tree Farm inspection for this award.



