



Skyline Soil and Water Conservation District

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Board Meeting Minutes * District Offices * February 18, 2026* 10:30 AM

Mr. Charles Shorter called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. The following were in attendance:

Directors present: Curtis Sowers, Ricky Johnston, Jon Vest, George Hudson, Carl Zipper, Andy Pratt, Rick Wall, Charles Shorter, Billy Farrier

Associate Directors present:

Staff present: Rachel Saville, Zane Lineberry, Chris Barbour, Chanz Hopkins

Others present: Becky Hubble, Derek Pruitt

Mr. Curtis Sowers made a motion to approve the January minutes with a second by Mr. Jon Vest, approved. All attachment(s) on file at the District Office.

REPORTS (attached) DCR and staff. FSA Mr. Derek Pruitt reported that the County Committee Election for Giles County was held, Jonathan Kidd was elected. County Committee elections are coming next year for Floyd and Pulaski Counties. Also mentioned several upcoming programs.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Cost Share Report was reviewed. Mr. Jon Vest mad a motion to reapprove contract #14-26-0008 to adjust cost share amount from \$315,746.50 to \$300,000.00, with a second by Mr. Andy Pratt, approved.

Mr. Ricky Johnston excused himself from the meeting.

Mr. Andy Pratt made a motion to approve conservation plan # CP-14-26-0022, with a second by Mr. Carl Zipper, approved.

Mr. Andy Pratt made a motion to approve contract # 14-26-0026, with a second by Mr. Carl Zipper, approved.

Mr. Ricky Johnston returned to the meeting.

The Finance Committee reported (attached). Mr. Jon Vest made a motion to retroactively grant 26.4 hours of time back to Mr. Chanz Hopkin's annual leave and then deduct from annual leave 10 hours and 8 hours comp time to satisfy a -18 hours of sick leave. This will result in a net leave amount of 16.4 hours being applied to Mr. Chanz Hopkin's annual leave total amount. In the future, sick leave may not be carried into the negative, staff will need to utilize other leave options such as annual, FMLA, with a second by Mr. Curtis Sowers, approved.

Equipment and Assets Inventory list was reviewed (attached). Mr. Rick Wall made a motion to approve the equipment and assets inventory list, with a second by Mr. Jon Vest, approved.

Mr. Jon Vest made a motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Cynthia Hancock as an associate director of the board, with a second by Mr. Andy Pratt, approved.

The Treasurer's Report for February was deferred until the March meeting.

Mr. Andy Pratt made a motion to approve sending \$500.00 to the Camp Woods and Wildlife scholarship program, with a second by Mr. George Hudson, approved.

Mr. Jon Vest made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Ricky Johnston, approved.

Meeting adjourned Director Signature: _____ Date: _____

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