

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

Vice-Chairman, Jeff Deets, called the meeting to order April 6, 2016 at 8:35am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

Members present were: Dave Cook (arrived later), Mike Jacobsen, Dave Feltes, Jeff Deets and Paul Young.

District Staff: Dave Harrison - Resource Conservationist, Patricia Paxson - Administrative Coordinator

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser

Guests: Carolyn and Tim Keller

Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to approve the February 8, 2016 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Dave Feltes moved, seconded by Paul Young, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills. The motion included purchasing a new version of QuickBooks since the current version expires May 31, 2016. Motion carried. During pending bills it was noticed there was a typo. The numbers didn't add up correctly for the AC payment. The amount should have been \$230.45, not \$230.65. Correction was made.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business –

Rock River Watershed Committee – The SWCD, partnered with the Farm Bureau held a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy workshop on February 24, 2016 from 9:00am to approximately 12:00pm at the Super Wash Training Facility, Morrison IL. This item can be taken off the agenda.

SWCD Future – Ideas and topics were discussed about the budget issue and what we can do to protect ourselves in the future. We need to discuss whether or not we should or need to keep a cushion of funds in the accounts in case the district were to cease normal operations. Our board talked with another neighboring county about helping each other out and possibly partnering up if need be. A letter is being developed to send to surrounding counties to let them know of charges if we do have to go to their office to help. Any and all topics need to be discussed in further detail to see which path would be the best not just for us but everyone involved. The AC is now only working 4 days a week. The continuance of renting the shed to store our equipment was discussed. The landlords agreed to reduce the rent amount for 90 days and will reevaluate the situation at that time. Discussion was held about sending another "advertising blast" for donations to the district to help defer the cost to operate the district. Motion was made by Dave Feltes, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to run the district at the current capacity and reevaluate the funding situation in a couple months. Motion carried.

New Business

Summer Conference – It was brought to the board’s attention that summer conference is scheduled for July 25th & 26th in Springfield IL. More discussion will be held later.

Guest Notes:

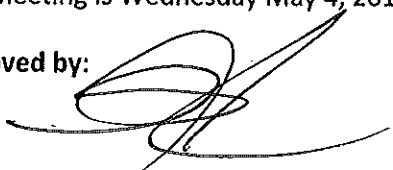
Tim and Carolyn wanted to join the meeting to show support of the SWCD and to let us know the status of the prairie at Sauk Valley Community College. The college now has a new president, David M. Hellmich that is pro-prairie. He has created an active prairie group, has several activities planned for the week of Earth Day and is the process of expanding the prairie. This is great news for the Natural Area Guardians and for the Sauk Valley College prairie.

Executive Session

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Jeff Deets to adjourn the meeting at 9:44am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday May 4, 2016 at 8:30am

Approved by:

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Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:45am April 6, 2016. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

Those present were: Mike Jacobsen, Dave Cook, Dave Feltes, Jeff Deets and Paul Young.

District Staff: Dave Harrison - Resource Conservationist, Patricia Paxson - Administrative Coordinator

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, NRCS

Guests: Carolyn and Tim Keller

Minutes: A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to approve the February 8, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Dave Cook moved and Jeff Deets seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as well as approve the pending bills. Motion carried. During pending bills, a motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to pay the AC's mileage expense for educational activities out of the Education Foundation account for the months of April and May 2016. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fulton Education Center – Center is still ongoing, they are moving forward. They are planning summer camps in 2016 like they had in 2015. Details will follow as they become available.

Cougar – Is still at the Nature Center so no action has been taken on the case yet. Need to make arrangements to get the cougar and the case to the wood workers to fix or rebuild the case.

Monthly Conservation Teacher Topics – We sent information to middle school teachers providing them with a short presentation through power point for them to use all, some or none of, to promote conservation education. We had only 3 replies and will be doing one presentation in February. More discussion was held and decided to pick 2-3 schools to target, meet with the principals and discuss whether our idea could be used in the school districts or not. Take off agenda until schools are back in session.

Teacher Grants – Motion made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Feltes that due to the state budget situation, any and all payments for teacher grants will be suspended at this time until further notice. Motion carried.

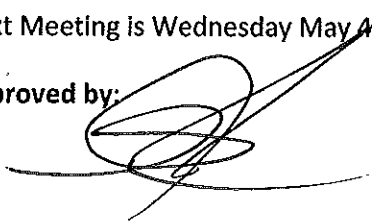
New Business

Adjourn

Mike Jacobsen moved and Mark Kaiser seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:00am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is Wednesday May 4, 2016.

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