

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2016

Chairman, Dave Cook, called the meeting to order August 3, 2016 at 8:35am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

Members present were: Mike Jacobsen, Jeff Deets, Dave Cook and Paul Young. Dave Feltes was absent.

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser

Guest: Vern Latwesen

Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Jeff Deets to approve the July 6, 2016 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasure's Report, Approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Jeff Deets moved, seconded by Paul Young, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills. Motion carried.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – 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 was sent 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 continuance of renting the shed to store our equipment was discussed, Mike Jacobsen made a motion to keep renting the shed as is until further notice, seconded by Paul Young. The district will run at the current capacity until further notice but the possibility of the AC working 5 days again is being examined.

Summer Conference – summer conference was held July 25th & 26th in Springfield IL. Paul and Vern attended and gave a report of what took place there. AISWCD had a new president elected, Steve Stierwalt of Champaign County.

105.5 Radio Show – Have spoken with Aaron from 105.5 Vintage Radio in Erie. He is trying to put together a fundraiser that may benefit the SWCD. Will know more in the future. Aaron also looking in to making arrangements with the SWCD RC, to do a call in show twice a month to promote the SWCD. Will know more about that in the future as well.

Health Insurance Letter – A standard letter was sent to the SWCD due to the fact that an employee signed up for insurance through the Marketplace. No action needs to be taken on this right now. Take off agenda until further notice.

New Business

Budget – need to make a budget for the new fiscal year. Employees will work on this and give information to the directors before the next meeting.

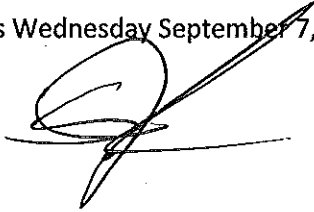
Employee Evaluations – Employees will complete their self-evaluations and get to the directors before the next meeting.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Paul Young moved, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:58am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday September 7, 2016 at 8:30am

Approved by:

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Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2016

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:59am August 3, 2016. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, NRCS

Guest – Vern Latwesen

Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to approve the July 6, 2016 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Jeff Deets moved and Dave Cook seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as well as approve the pending bills. Motion carried. It was brought to the board's attention that a possible donation from GrowMark may be sent to the Ed. Foundation in the near future.

Old Business

Fulton Education Center – Center is moving forward, they have been receiving more donations. They have had several camps at the center so far this summer. A dedication ceremony was held July 23, 2016 at the center to honor Arliss Andresen, the donor of the home.

105.5 Radio Show – Have spoken with Aaron from 105.5 Vintage Radio in Erie. He is trying to put together a fundraiser that may benefit the SWCD. Will know more in the future. Aaron also looking in to making arrangements with the SWCD RC, to do a call in show twice a month to promote the SWCD. Will know more about that in the future as well.

4th Grade Conservation Day – Conservation Day is being planned for Carroll and Whiteside counties only. JoDavie's County has elected not to participate. We are in need of a few more presenters so will be asking around for volunteers.

Trailer – Idea of finding a tow behind trailer to load taxidermy animals and go from school to school on a rotating basis to do presentations will be looked into with more detail. We have a truck and a trailer, just need to talk with schools and make arrangements.

New Business

Budget - need to make a budget for the new fiscal year. Employees will work on this and give information to the directors before the next meeting.

Adjourn Mike Jacobsen moved and Mark Kaiser seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:20am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is Wednesday September 7, 2016, following the SWCD board meeting.

Approved by:

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