

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2015

Vice-Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order December 2, 2015 at 8:30am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser

Guests: Jeff Deets

Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Feltes to approve the November 4, 2015 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, Approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Dave Feltes moved, seconded by Vern Latwesen, 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 –

Radio Show – Dave Wahl, has given us a generous donation of \$1,500 to continue the radio show once a month at WSDR in Sterling IL. This amount will cover the cost of the show for 12 months. This donation is greatly appreciated. The money was put in to the SWCD Education Foundation and will be paid out of that account until further notice. Topic can be taken off the agenda.

Midwest Perennial Plant sales – Update on plant sale was given. As of now, 12-2-15, we have 24 people that have ordered a total of 372 plants. We think this is great since it is the first sale of its type. Orders will be taken until 2-19-16. Will take this topic off the agenda until further action is necessary.

Rock River Watershed Committee – Discussed possibly finding a couple of presenters to have a workshop to talk about the Nutrient Management. Details to follow after planning is complete.

SWCD Future – Was accidentally left off the agenda. Ideas and topics were discussed about the budget issue and what we can do to protect ourselves in the future. Consolidate/partner with another county, change the district act, share employees were a few of the topics. 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. Some directors plan to attend the NILUC meeting on Friday December 4, 2015 as this will also be discussed there. The Whiteside Co SWCD also owns some land in the county that is

operated by a local family that gets all the profit from the farm. We would like to review the folder of said property and possibly ask the family for a small donation to help keep us afloat. Another idea was to get in contact with the AISWCD and see about possibly generating a lawsuit against the state as many other have and won. These are all just thoughts and ideas and no action has been taken on any of them.

New Business

Review of closed session meetings – needs to be discussed more and voted on at the next meeting.

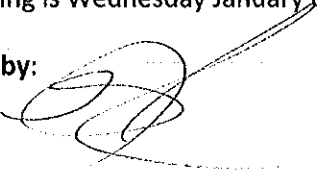
Nominating committee for Director Election – It is suggested that Dave Harrison, Sheila Sonberg and Chris Wagenecht be on the nominating committee. Slate of candidates for the upcoming 2016 Board of Directors are: Dave Cook, Paul Young and Jeff Deets.

Executive Session

Adjourn: Paul Young moved, seconded by Dave Feltes to adjourn the meeting at 9:48am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday January 6, 2016 at 8:30am

Approved by:

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Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

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Vice-Chair, Dave Feltes, called the meeting to order at 9:49am December 2, 2015. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, NRCS

Guests: Jeff Deets

Minutes: A motion was made by Vern Latwesen, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to approve the November 4, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Vern Latwesen and Dave Feltes seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as well as approve the pending bills. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fulton Education Center – Center is still ongoing, they are moving forward. They will be scheduling a work day at Pizza Ranch in Clinton IA as a fundraiser. They will also be planning summer camps in 2016 like they had in 2015. Details of that will come to follow as they are 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 word workers to fix or rebuild the case.

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New Business

Adjourn

Mike Jacobsen moved and Mark Kaiser seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:58am. Motion carried.

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