

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2016

Chairman, Dave Cook, called the meeting to order February 8, 2016 at 8:30am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser

Guests: Director Elect - Jeff Deets

Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Feltes to approve the January 6, 2016 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasure'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. Motion carried. During pending bills a motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to renew the membership fee of \$15.00 to the Northwest Illinois Forestry Association. Motion Carried.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business –

Rock River Watershed Committee – The SWCD is partnering with the Farm Bureau to hold 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. More details to follow.

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. They seemed to be receptive to the idea but no action has been taken. 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 Whiteside Co SWCD also has interest in some land in the county that is operated by a local family that gets all the profit from the farm. We had spoken with the land owner and although they thought it was a good idea, we opted out to participate in allowing us to put crp on the land. No action will be taken on that. One thing that we have discussed is to have the AC cut back to 4 days a week. There is a Chairman's meeting in Springfield on February 15, 2016 to discuss options for the funding situation. The continuance of renting the shed to store our equipment was discussed and will be decided on in the future. Motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by

Paul Young to send out sponsorship paperwork asking for the public to make donation or sponsor the SWCD. Motion carried.

Director Election – Motion made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to accept the results of the director election. Motion carried. By unanimous vote, organization of the board was to keep all members the same with the exception of Jeff Deets being the newly elected Vice Chairman, replacing Vern Latwesen which has retired from the board.

New Business

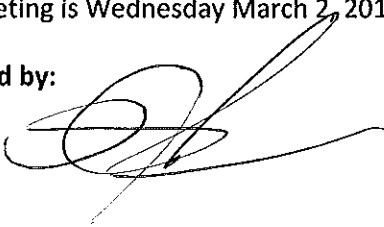
Employee Retirement Benefits – since employee retirement is in the employee contracts, this did not need to be new business. Unanimous vote was to go ahead and pay the RC and AC retirement for the 2015 year.

Executive Session

Adjourn: Paul Young moved, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:37am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday March 2, 2016 at 8:30am

Approved by:

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Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2016

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:38am February 8, 2016. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, NRCS

Guests: Director elect - Jeff Deets

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

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Dave Feltes and Dave Cook 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. Their new frontage sign has been put up. They 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 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.

Donation to NLRs workshop – Motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Mark Kaiser to donate up to \$50 to cover expensed for the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy workshop on February 24, 2016 from 9:00am to approximately 12:00pm at the Super Wash Training Facility, Morrison IL. Motion carried.

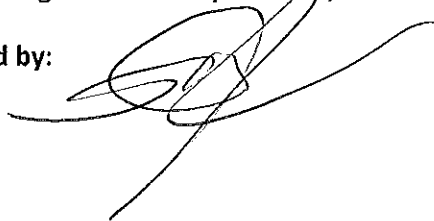
New Business

Adjourn

Mike Jacobsen moved and Mark Kaiser seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:04am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is Wednesday March 2, 2016.

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