

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

Chairman, Dave Cook, called the meeting to order January 6, 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: Jeff Deets

Board Minutes:

A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Feltes to approve the December 2, 2015 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 Dave Feltes to not renew the membership, nor pay the \$110 fee to the Soil and Water Conservation Society. Motion Carried. Also, during pending bills, it was brought to the director's attention that health premiums for both employees has increased as of January 1, 2016. Motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to pay the original agreed upon monthly premium, anything after that, the employees will pay the difference. 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.

Review of closed session meetings – Motion made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to keep the special meeting minutes closed as there is no need to review them at this time. Motion carried.

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. Need to get more information about consolidating/partnering with another county. We may want to attend other county's board meetings. 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 are

thinking about having an informal meeting with the family to discuss the topic of them making a small donation to help keep us afloat. Possibly checking in to getting sponsorships for the districts is another idea. These are all just thoughts and ideas and no action has been taken on any of them.

Director Election – Motion made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to hold the general election of directors at the Whiteside County USDA building on Wednesday, February 3, 2016 from the hours of 6:30am until 5:00pm. Motion carried.

New Business

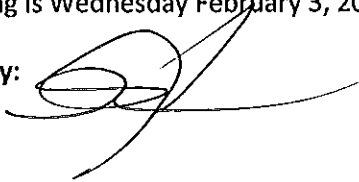
RCPP – Was discussed just to give the directors information on the program. No action necessary and can come off the agenda.

Executive Session

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Paul Young to adjourn the meeting at 10:03am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday February 3, 2016 at 8:30am

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 10:04am January 6, 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: Jeff Deets

Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to approve the December 2, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Dave Cook 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. 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.

During the meeting a couple of old agenda items came up, they are as follows:

Eagle Camera Project in Sterling/Rock Falls: A local educator has been in contact with us for grants and funding. Will submit paperwork when it's ready.

Heron – The heron is ready and needs to be paid for before it can come to the office.

Envirothon – An update was given that the Envirothon for 2016 is on March 8, 2016 at Highland Community College, Freeport IL.

New Business

Monthly Conservation Teacher Topics – We are trying to come up with ideas to reach out to the middle school aged kids in the county. An idea has been brought up about providing teachers with a short presentation through power point for them to use all, some or none of. If they like the idea and can use it, we may also be able to go the schools to do a short presentation on the topic. The topic will be a conservation related topic for our area. More updates to follow.

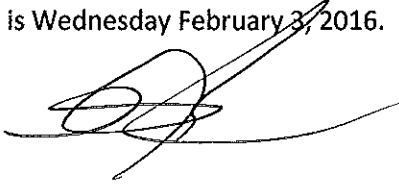
Donation to NLRs workshop – Was not on the agenda but brought up at the meeting. The SWCD is partnering with the Farm Bureau to hold a Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy workshop on February 24, 2016 from 9:00am to approximately 12:00pm at the Super Wash Training Facility, Morrison IL. The district is asking the Education Foundation for a small donation to provide snacks at the meeting. Will be discussed and voted on at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Mike Jacobsen moved and Mark Kaiser seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:26am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is Wednesday February 3, 2016.

Approved by:

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