

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Vice-Chairman, Jeff Deets, called the meeting to order January 9, 2019 at 8:40am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Henry Sanford

Guest: Dan Exner

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to approve the December 12, 2018 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

NRCS Report: Henry spoke about various items such as the farm bill, business is running as usual and nothing new is coming up yet.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – The office will run at current capacity until further notice.

Customer seed bill – Has been taken care of. Take off agenda.

Election – Director election is quickly approaching. 2 seats will be up for election/re-election. We have one person running to replace the member that will not return, the other person is running again. An election date of February 6, 2019 was chosen and a notification was sent to the paper.

New Business – none

Note: Mention of a federal government shutdown was made. We will handle it if the situation occurs.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Paul Young moved, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:02am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2019 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2019

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:03am January 9, 2019. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Henry Sanford

Guests: Dan Exner

Minutes: A motion was made by, Vern Latwesen seconded by Mike Jacobsen to approve the December 12, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer'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.

Old Business

Fulton Education Center – The Fulton Christmas Program at Heritage Canyon and the Nature Center were canceled due to the weather. The Fulton High School video club had made four videos of certain facilities in the area, The Nature Center was one of them. To get more information about the ANC, take a look at their Facebook page – Andresen Nature Center.

Fruit Tree seminar – The fruit tree seminar is being planned for January 19, 2019. We will start at Superwash with some indoor presentations, lunch and then finish up outdoors at a landowner's home, with a short presentation. More discussion to follow.

Envirothon – We have schools from our county that would still like to attend. Whiteside County will plan the event for 2019, other counties may join if they wish. The AC asked if the directors had a preference on where to purchase the food for the event. The directors said it was up to us.

Dean Huisigh Land – Directors met with Mr. Huisigh on his property. Much more discussion needs to take place before anything can be decided. Motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to proceed with Mr. Huisigh and get more details on the proposal he has made. Motion Carried.

Pond seminar – A landowner gave us an idea/suggestion to hold a pond seminar. We have one planned for February 9, 2019 at Super Wash, Morrison IL from 11am-2pm. David Wyffels of IDNR Fisheries Division will be the presenter.

New Business

Voting Protocol – A question was brought up about how to vote since there are six members on the Education Foundation board, the vote could end in a tie. The answer is: the chairperson doesn't vote, therefore there will not be a tie vote. No further discussion needed.

Short Term Holding of Property – There are 3 acres near the Heritage Canyon in Fulton IL that are for sale. The Nature Center asked the SWCD that if the Nature Center were to purchase the land, if the SWCD would temporarily hold the title to it until they became a 501c3. The board spoke about it during the meeting and unanimously decided that it would not be in the best interest of the SWCD and turned down the offer. No further discussion needed.

Adjourn – Mike Jacobsen made a motion, seconded by Dave Cook to adjourn at 9:45am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting February 6, 2019.

Approved by:

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