

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2019

Chairman, Jeff Deets, called the meeting to order July 3, 2019 at 9:18am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

Members present were: Mike Jacobsen, Dan Exner, Dave Cook, Jeff Deets and Paul Young.

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

NRCS Personnel: Ron Hall

Guest: Dean Huisingsh

Executive Session – Motion made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to hold an executive session. Discussed various health insurance programs. Motion carried. Executive session lasted from 9:18am – 9:32am. Regular meeting resumed at 9:32am.

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dan Exner to approve the June 12, 2019 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

NRCS Report: No attached report. DC stated the full-time permanent DC will start work in the Morrison F.O. the week of August 18, 2019. DC also spoke about HEL compliance reviews, EQIP cutoff dates and conservation desktop training.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – Purchasing a water tester kit was discussed again. The tester needs to be able to check nitrates and phosphorous and purchased for no more than \$1,000.00. We need to ask around to other counties to see what models they use, pros and cons, etc... More details to follow at a later time. Summer conference is July 14-16, 2019, new director – Dan Exner will be attending.

Personnel Policy and Procedures review – The policy was reviewed during the meeting and changes were noted in the policy. The AC will make the final changes as noted and present to the board at the next meeting.

Filter fabric rack – We have a couple designs to take to the fabrication shop to see if they are options to have it built. Tabled.

Employee Reviews/Contracts – employees will need to send their self-evaluation forms to all the directors for discussion at the next meeting.

New Business

FY20 Budget – budgets were discussed and tabled

Insurance – need to shop around for different insurance to cover office equipment and tree planters.

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Jeff Deets to adjourn the meeting at 10:16am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2019 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

July 3, 2019

Vice-Chairman, Dan Exner, called the meeting to order at 8:30am July 3, 2019. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

Those present were: Mike Jacobsen, Dan Exner, Jeff Deets, Paul Young and Dave Cook. Mark Kaiser was absent.

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

NRCS Personnel: None

Guests: Dean Huisingh

Minutes: A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to approve the June 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Jeff Deets moved, seconded by Dave Cook to accept the Treasurer's report as well as approve the pending bills. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fulton Education Center –The Nature Center has an agenda of events planned for the spring and summer. NLI may be purchasing 3 acres of land and holding the easement for the Nature Center until the Center is able to fully purchase it themselves. There may also be a neighboring land owner that is looking in to an easement as well. To get more information about the ANC, take a look at their Facebook page – Andresen Nature Center.

Dean Huisingh Land – Mr. Huisingh spoke to the board again. He has spoken with an attorney to see what his options are for the easement proposal; he has a rough draft of ideas he would like to see happen. Mr. Huisingh would like to offer us the opportunity to use his property now by possibly holding a nature prairie walk as the first event. Dates will be discussed between us and Dean to see what would work best. More discussion to follow.

Raingardens and burn seminars were not on the agenda this month but mentioned. We would like to get more detail put together to see if either of these events can happen this fall or next spring.

Concealed Carry Renewal Course – (accidentally omitted from agenda) - The course was offered on June 29, 2019 at Hilltop Meadows Hunt Club with 10 people participating in the event. Everyone said the event was very well done. Take off agenda.

New Business

Cover Crop workshop – Mr. Bill Holesinger approached us again and would like partner to with him to do another cover crop workshop. We have picked a date of August 8, 2019 for the event and Mr. Holesinger's property. There is another workshop being held in partnership with the Univ. of IL Extension office on September 6, 2019. More details to follow.

Budget – discussed and tabled for further discussion

Education grants – Mention was made that the SWCD Ed Foundation now has funding to spend on education grants. AC is to contact the superintendent of schools with forms and information to send out to schools.

Adjourn – Dave Cook made a motion, seconded by Paul Young to adjourn at 9:17am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting August 7, 2019.

Approved by 

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