

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

Chairman, Dave Cook, called the meeting to order March 8, 2017 at 8:30am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

Members present were: Mike Jacobsen, Jeff Deets, Dave Cook, Vern Latwesen and Paul Young (arrived at 8:50am)

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, DC

Guest: None

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Vern Latwesen to approve the January 4, 2017 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Vern Latwesen, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills. During the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Vern Latwesen to transfer the sponsorship funds to the regular operation funds account, then close the sponsorship account. During pending bills a motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Vern Latwesen to approve the \$55.75 hotel cost for when the RC took seeds to MN. All motions carried.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – AC was offered to come back on Fridays and will do so every other Friday until further notice. We have finally received all funds allocated to us from the stop gap budget and IDOA. Paul Young and Vern Latwesen are planning to attend the Quarterly Board Meeting in Springfield March 13th and 14th.

Director Election – The SWCD's director election was Wednesday February 1, 2017 at the USDA building, during the hours of 6:30am – 5:00pm. Paul Young moved to close nominations, Mike Jacobsen seconded. Motion carried. The board has been reorganized as follows: Chairman – Vern Latwesen, Vice-Chairman – Jeff Deets, Secretary/Treasurer – Mike Jacobsen, Director – Dave Cook, Director – Paul Young. Mike Jacobsen moved to accept the slate, seconded by Vern Latwesen. Motion carried.

New Business – Seed Picking – RC stated that when he took the prairie seed to MN to the nursery, the owner stated that our stock was getting very low. After discussion it was decided that we need to subcontract more seed pickers for the next upcoming season, which is in the fall of 2017. We will do an email blast, post it on Facebook and on our website.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Paul Young moved, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to adjourn the meeting at 9:33am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday April 5, 2017 at 8:30am.

Approved by: Michael Jacobsen

Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2017

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:34am March 8, 2017. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, DC - absent

Guests: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to approve the January 4, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Dave Cook moved and Vern Latwesen 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 moving forward, they have been receiving more donations and a list of uses for the donations is being created. The cougar has been to the woodworking shop, had the case repaired and is again at ANC. The center is planning an event for April 22, 2017.

Envirothon – The Envirothon was held March 7, 2017 at Highland Community College, Freeport IL. For the 4 SWCD's that participated, we had a total of 17 teams register, Whiteside having 6 of the 17 teams. Teams listened to lectures and then took tests to show their knowledge of the natural resource topics. This year's first place winning team was Fulton #1, second place was West Carroll #1 and third place was Fulton #2. Pearl City had the top FFA team and they will advance to the state competition for only the first day of the event. Fulton #1 will advance to the IL State Competition at Allerton Park near Monticello IL April 26-27, 2017. They will be represented by an SWCD employee. The state competition is always seeking additional volunteers, please let me know of anyone interested. To find more information about the IL Envirothon, their website is www.illinoisenvirothon.org.

Teacher grants - We received one application and discussed it at this time. The request is from the Morrison Cottonwood 4-H Club for their "Grow Our Pride" Project. They are asking for a donation of \$150 to purchase some plants and trees/shrubs to upgrade the fairgrounds, plant a new memorial garden for the late wife of one of the 4-H leaders, and to perk up downtown in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce. After discussion, Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Dave Cook, to purchase the plants and trees, the 4-H club wants, through the SWCD current sales and donate the items to the club. The donation is not to exceed \$200. Motion carried.

Board reorganization, (was accidentally left off the agenda) – Will need to reorganize the Education Board at the next meeting.

New Business

Adjourn – Dave Cook moved and Jeff Deets seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:55am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is Wednesday April 5, 2017, following the SWCD board meeting.

Approved by: Michael Jacobsen

Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC