

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order March 7, 2018 at 8:30am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

Members present were: Mike Jacobsen, Vern Latwesen, Dave Cook and Jeff Deets. Paul Young arrived late.

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, DC

Guest: None

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Mike Jacobsen to approve the January 3, 2018 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – AC reporting on funds we have received from contribution or assistance agreements. Our office will run at current capacity until further notice. Vern L. and Dave H. attended legislative day and spoke about the events of the day. Stated the representatives and senators seemed to be nice and concerned about the funding issues of the SWCD's and would see what they could do.

Director Election –Today, March 7, 2018, is the annual election of board members from the hours of 6:30am to 5:00pm at the UDSA building. Acceptance of office and forms will be filled out, reviewed and turned in to IDOA next month.

NILUC – Whiteside County will be hosting the annual NILUC meeting this year on March 22, 2018 at Happy Joe's in Morrison. Invitations and agendas have been sent out and only 1 person cannot attend as of now.

New Business – LESA Report Cost – Was discussed, have to do research to find a number that will work. Tabled until next meeting. An idea was brought up to possibly check in to hiring a part time temporary person to help in the busy spring and fall seasons. Tabled for further discussion. A basic prescribed fire training through Oklahoma State University is available online. We will try to get the link posted to our website and Facebook page.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Paul Young to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2018 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2018

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:21am March 7, 2018. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, DC

Guests: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Vern Latwesen, seconded by Dave Cook to approve the January 3, 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 nature center had its regular meeting February 28, 2018. They will be planning spring camps to be held at the center. The director of the center will be gone for a little while but there will someone there to have access to the center if people want to get it. To get more information about the ANC, take a look at their Facebook page – Andresen Nature Center.

Chainsaw/Tree Seminar – The chainsaw/tree seminar was Saturday February 24, 2018 from 10am – 2pm. A little more than 40 people attended. We have had great feedback on how well the event was put together as well as how well the presenter did. We may think of having another one in the future. Take off agenda.

Local/state Envirothon – Our local envirothon is March 13, 2018 at Highland Comm. College in Freeport, IL. Whiteside Co. has 5 teams participating. Due to work loads of some of the other counties in the NILUC #1 area, we may have to look in to doing away with the envirothon for our NILUC area or just making it a smaller event. This topic will need to be discussed at the NILUC meeting on March 22, 2018.

New Business – Teacher grant from ROE #8 for Thome School in Rock Falls. Discussion was made and a few suggestions will be sent to the requestor about their request. The SWCD will be receiving some free oak trees this spring and will be able to give some of them to the school toward their project. Tabled to next month.

Adjourn – Mike Jacobsen made a motion, seconded by Mark Kaiser to adjourn at 9:55am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting April 4, 2018.

Approved by:



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