

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2017

Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order May 3, 2017 at 8:30am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

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

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 April 5, 2017 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, approve time sheets, overtime 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, 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 – State wide concern about the amount of hours turned in for the Assistance Agreement with NRCS was discussed. New CRP and NRCS administrative agreements are being discussed for the future. Our office will run at current capacity until further notice.

Seed picking – We now possibly have three people lined up for the fall seed picking season.

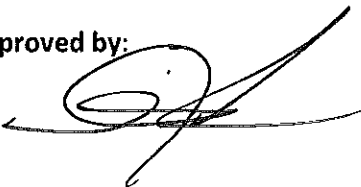
New Business – Employee contracts and evaluations will be coming up soon and need to be turned into the board for review.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Dave Cook to adjourn the meeting at 9:28am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is Wednesday June 7, 2017 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2017

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:29am May 3, 2017. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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 Mike Jacobsen to approve the April 5, 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. The pending bills motion included a correction to the radio show fee. The fee is \$125.00 not \$128.00 that was listed on the pending bills. Motion carried.

Old Business

Fulton Education Center – Center is moving forward, they have been receiving more donations. The center held an event on April 22, 2017. Some topics covered were planting of oak hickory forests in Illinois and making hands for kids with a 3D printer.

Envirothon – Fulton #1 advanced to the IL State Competition at Allerton Park near Monticello IL April 26-27, 2017, they were represented by SWCD employees. Congratulations to the top 3 teams! 1st Chicago Lab, 2nd Midland HS, and 3rd Triad HS. RC stated that while at the state Envirothon, he did not see our county as being listed as one of the event sponsors. We need to check into this and contact the Envirothon committee or bring it up at the next NILUC meeting.

Teacher Grants – This was not on the agenda but it was mentioned that we need to get the word out to the schools to send in grant requests again. Grant funding requests may include, but are not limited to: tools, books, software, lab equipment, and field trips. Costs of development of natural resource areas will be considered, such as: a wildlife habitat garden, nature trail, or prairie site.

Amazon Smile – The AC and RC have been instructed to create a profile on amazon.smile and put in the necessary banking information to proceed with this. Once this is complete, advertisement of smile.amazon.com will be sent out.

New Business –

Radio Show – The radio station that we do our monthly show with has been sold to a new company. They have had several staffing changes and have also increased the monthly rate. Due to these changes, we will be checking in to a different local station. More details to follow.

Donation to Ed Fund – Idea was brought up by a director to send a letter out to the public asking for donations to the Education Foundation, such as we did for the SWCD District. The money will be used to provide conservation related topics with in the school systems in Whiteside County.

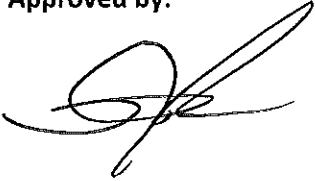
Morrison School Ag Program – Morrison will be having the Ag/FFA Program reintroduced beginning in the fall of 2017. Board would like to set up a time to speak with the school principal and Ag Teacher/FFA advisor to see if there is anything that the SWCD can present to the students to learn about conservation. More details about this to come in the fall.

Adjourn – Mike Jacobsen moved and Mark Kaiser seconded the motion to adjourn at 9:54am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting is Wednesday June 7, 2017, following the SWCD board meeting.

Approved by:

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