

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018

Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order November 7, 2018 at 10:11am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL. (We held the Education meeting first this month because we had a guest).

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, DC

Guest: Dave Wahl

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to approve the September 5, 2018 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, approve time sheets, overtime 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.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – The office will run at current capacity until further notice. Still waiting on additional funding to be released to the SWCD's. A funds dispersal plan needs to be sent to IDOA for the money to be released to the NILUC administering county before they will release the funds. A dispersal plan was created by a couple counties in the NILUC group and sent to the remaining counties in the group for approval. By unanimous vote, Whiteside Co SWCD board approved the dispersal plan and it will be signed and sent in.

Annual Plan of Work – Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Paul Young, a motion to approve the annual plan of work as written. Motion Carried.

New Business – No till drill – there was discussion of selling the 8ft Truax No till drill. Selling price will be discussed at the next monthly board meeting and go from there.

Customer seed bill – A certain customer was billed for seed they had taken. They called stating they never got the seed and will not pay the bill. Same customer has used the drill for several months and not paid the rental fee yet. The board discussed the matter and said to send a letter to the customer stating that they MUST pay all drill rental fees and we will not pursue the seed cost.

Note: Mark Kaiser's retirement was talked about and we decided to take him to lunch and have an open house for him on December 5, 2018 from 1-3pm here at the USDA building.

Executive Session –

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Paul Young to adjourn the meeting at 10:57am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2018 at 9:00am, not 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2018

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 8:41am November 7, 2018. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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

NRCS Personnel: Mark Kaiser, DC

Guests: Dean Huisingh

Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Vern Latwesen to approve the September 5, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Vern Latwesen moved and Mike Jacobsen 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 Fall Festival was held September 29th and 30th at Heritage Canyon as well as the Nature Center. There will be a Christmas Program December 1, 2018 from 12pm-7pm. 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.

Donations – Amount of donations was discussed. Take off agenda.

4th grade day was held on September 27, 2018 in Savanna at Palisades State Park. 668 students were in attendance for the tri-county event. Take off agenda.

Band Fundraiser – no new news to report at this time. Take off agenda until more information becomes available.

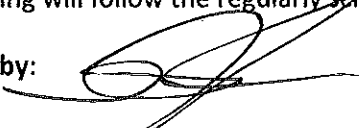
Envirothon – It was decided at the March 2018 NILUC meeting that there will not be local Envirothon competition for 2019. However, it was discussed that perhaps Carroll County would like to partner with Whiteside County to still hold a local competition. Carroll County said they will not participate in a local Envirothon event. We will call around to see if we can partner with a neighboring county in order to participate. We have schools from our county that would still like to attend. If we are able to participate, we need to discuss the Envirothon funds left in the account.

New Business – Dean Huisingh Land – Dean was present and spoke about 200 acres of land he owns. He would like to partner with a someone or a corporation that is a 501c3 to make a permanent easement with his 200 acres of land and turn it into a nature conservancy. Much more discussion needs to take place before anything can be decided.

Adjourn – Vern Latwesen made a motion, seconded by Mark Kaiser to adjourn at 10:10am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting December 5, 2018.

Approved by:



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