

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2017

Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order October 4, 2017 at 8:34am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

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

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 Paul Young to approve the September 6, 2017 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Paul Young moved, seconded by Jeff Deets, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills. The motion also included a bill to SWCD Insurance Group for \$1,231.25 that was accidentally omitted from the pending bill list. Motion Carried.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – CRP and Administrative Agreements are both signed as of September 21, 2017. Employees can start reporting work performed for both agreements. Other funds that we will receive from IDOA were discussed at the NILUC meeting September 7, 2017. Different options on how to split the funds per the LUC were discussed. One option was voted on pending the approval of a county that did not have board members in attendance at the NILUC meeting. Our office will run at current capacity until further notice.

Credit Card – Topic was accidentally left on the agenda but no action has been taken as of yet. Still waiting to hear from Epay for more information.

Newsletter ads – Newsletter ad letters had gone out and we have gotten 4 responses so far. AC will create the ads and send to the businesses for approval prior to placing them in the newsletter.

Burning Plans – can be removed from the agenda, no action needs to be taken on this at this time.

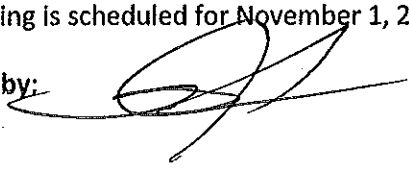
New Business – Correspondence was received from Blackhawk Hills regarding membership. No action taken at this time.

Executive Session – none

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

Next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2017 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2017

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:33am October 4, 2017. Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL

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

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 September 6, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Vern Latwesen 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 ANC held educational presentations as well as various camps throughout the summer. The ANC canceled the Zombie Crawl on Saturday September 16, 2017, due to damage from flooding at the Heritage Canyon. Fulton's fall festival was September 30, 2017 and it was reported that there was poor attendance overall, not just at the Nature Center. To get more information about the ANC, take a look at their Facebook page – Andresen Nature Center.

Teacher Grants – Mr. Duis has still not replied to our questions from when he attending our meeting a couple months ago. No action has been taken on his grant request.

2nd Grade Day - Carroll County holds an annual 2nd grade field day. AC/EC attended this event with hopes to get ideas to offer something similar in Whiteside County. The event was held at Camp Benson in Mt. Carroll. There were 10 different stations set up throughout the camp. 5 topics were on Ag Awareness, the other 5 were on Conservation and Nature Study. The SWCD staff will start looking into this idea in more detail to see if it is something that will work out for them. More details will follow in the future.

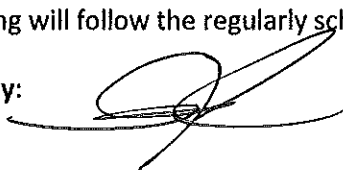
Morrison Ag – Was taken off the agenda but since one director wasn't here last meeting, he had info to share. He stated that the FFA Convention in upcoming and perhaps there was a way would could help the Morrison Ag Program. He will be getting in touch with the Ag instructor to see if he is interested.

New Business – Chainsaw Safety/Tree Information Seminar – Idea was brought up to have another chainsaw safety day which will also include a tree information selection and/or cover crop promotion. Idea is in very early stages, so more details will be available at a later date.

Adjourn – Mike Jacobsen made a motion, seconded by Mark Kaiser to adjourn at 10:00am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting November 1, 2017.

Approved by:



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