

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2017

Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order September 6, 2017 at 8:38am Location: USDA Building Morrison, IL.

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: None

Board Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Paul Young to approve the August 2, 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 Vern Latwesen, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills.

DC Report: See attached report.

RC Report: See attached report.

AC Report: See attached report.

Old Business – SWCD Future – CRP and Administrative Agreements are being discussed, the paperwork for the new agreements had been sent out and needed to be sent back in by July 28th. We have not heard anything yet as to when these will be signed by NRCS for approval. Grant agreement paperwork for operations money from IDOA has been sent to districts and the signed agreements need to be turned in by September 15, 2017. There is a NILUC meeting scheduled for September 7, 2017 and we will discuss the NILUC funds part of the grant agreement at that time. Our office will run at current capacity until further notice.

Credit Card – The AC contacted the ePay personnel through IL Funds to get information about using ePay. She stated that they are not taking new applications at this time due to a conversion taking place. She took our contact information and said she would call us when the conversion is complete, to see if we are still interested. Take off agenda for now.

Newsletter ads – Newsletter ad letter and prices have been written and discussed. AC is to go ahead and send out the letter to see if anyone would like to sponsor the biannual newsletter.

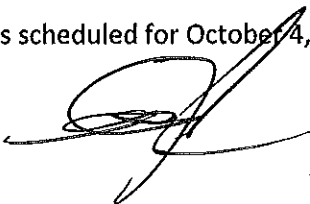
New Business – Burning Plans – burning plans for upcoming CRP contracts was discussed. Depending on how many contracts are put in place, the burning plans that would need to be created would create a large workload.

Executive Session – none

Adjourn: Mike Jacobsen moved, seconded by Paul Young to adjourn the meeting at 10:06am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2017 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2017

Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 10:07am September 6, 2017. 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: Absent

Guests: none

Minutes: A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Vern Latwesen to approve the August 2, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report/Pending Bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Vern Latwesen moved and Mark Kaiser 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 has been holding educational presentations as well as various camps throughout the summer. The ANC will be holding the Zombie Crawl on Saturday September 16, 2017. To get more information about the ANC, take a look at their Facebook page – Andresen Nature Center.

Teacher Grants – Guest Jim Duis was here at the last meeting and spoke about his grant application. The grant money he receives from any and all donors will go toward the Frank R. Duis Memorial Wildlife Watch camera. The camera will be placed on the Rock River corridor near Sterling and Rock Falls. The project will provide online access of an active wildlife area for the purpose of environmental education while at the same time, lessening the human impact on the site. The camera will allow teachers to fill in the gaps and teach environmental awareness and stewardship to the students in our area. The online site will also be viewable by the public, not just classrooms. The goal is to raise \$6,000.00 to get this project operational. The board had questions for Mr. Duis to get answered. Once he has his answers, he is to contact us again. Mr. Duis has not gotten back to us as of yet.

Morrison School Ag Program – We invited the new Ag teacher to the next board meeting so we can discuss some things we may have to offer. There is no action being taken on this as of now, take off agenda for now.

New Business – Carroll County holds an annual 2nd grade field day. AC will contact them to see if they would like our help and we would also like to attend to see how it's run to see if it's something we may want to offer to the 2nd grades in our county.

Adjourn – Mike Jacobsen made a motion, seconded by Mark Kaiser to adjourn at 10:25am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting October 4, 2017.

Approved by: 

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