

Monthly SWCD Board Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2018

Chairman, Vern Latwesen, called the meeting to order September 5, 2018 at 8:35am 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 Paul Young, seconded by Jeff Deets to approve the July 11, 2018 board meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report, approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills: Mike Jacobsen gave report. Jeff Deets moved, seconded by Paul Young, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and approve time sheets, overtime and pending bills. This motion also included the purchase of a roll of stamps for the NAGS for the AC to use when she mails NAG items. 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.

Employee Evaluation / Contracts – Evaluations and contracts were discussed at the last meeting, the contracts just needed signed. Take off agenda.

FY19 Budget – Motion made by Paul Young, seconded by Jeff Deets to approve and adopt the FY19 budget as written. Motion carried.

Timesheets – Was accidentally omitted from the agenda. Timesheet dates matching the fy pay periods was discussed among the employees and they decided not to make any changes, leave things as is. Take off agenda.

Annual Plan of Work – Board members were sent copies of the APO, they were asked to look at them and make adjustments/corrections at next meeting.

New Business –

Executive Session –

Adjourn: Paul Young moved, seconded by Jeff Deets to adjourn the meeting at 9:13am. Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2018 at 8:30am.

Approved by:



Transcribed by: Patricia Paxson, AC

Monthly SWCD Education Board Meeting Minutes

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Chairman, Paul Young, called the meeting to order at 9:14am September 5, 2018. 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 Jeff Deets to approve the July 11, 2018 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 science camps over the summer and had a good turnout. The Fulton Fall Festival is set for September 29th and 30th and Heritage Canyon as well as the Nature Center. They need more volunteers for the weekend. 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 – A letter was sent to the list of past years donors to see if they were will to help the SWCD Education Foundation. A couple donations were sent in. We need to come up with new ideas to raise money for the foundation. One idea was to ask the NAGS or Pheasants Forever for a donation, a letter will be sent to them in the near future.

4th grade day is being planned and will be held on September 27, 2018 in Savanna at Palisades State Park. A few Army Corp of Engineers will be presenters this year. One of the employees stated they will be providing Every Kid in A Park passes to each 4th grade student attending.

Pie Auction – Idea was checked in to and didn't seem to pan out. Take off agenda until further action is needed.

Cover Crop Workshop – This workshop was put together rather quickly. The workshop was sponsored by the WCSWCD Education Foundation and had a good turnout.

Budget - Motion made by Vern Latwesen, seconded by Jeff Deets to approve and adopt the FY19 budget as written. Motion carried.

New Business –

Band Fundraiser – An idea has come up to have a more "popular" band perform at a fundraising event, with possibly a local band as a cover band. There are several venues and catering businesses that need to be contacted. Depending on the band schedule, we are going to try to plan the event for late February to early March.

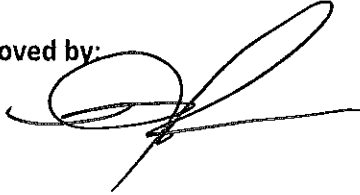
Envirothon – It was decided at the March 2018 NILUC meeting that there will not be local Envirothon competition for 2019. However, it was discussed that perhaps Carroll County would like to partner with Whiteside County to still hold a local competition. We have to contact Carroll County to see if this is something we should pursue. Tabled.

Educational Activities/Contests – Due to lack of funding for the Education Foundation there was concern as to whether or not we could do any of our educational activities. Discussion was held and decided to carry on with all the educational events as in the past but we may have to suspend teacher grants at this time.

Adjourn – Vern Latwesen made a motion, seconded by Mark Kaiser to adjourn at 10:30am. Motion carried.

Next Meeting will follow the regularly scheduled District Board Meeting October 3, 2018.

Approved by:

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