

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 11, 2014

Next meeting Wednesday, July 9, 2014 AT 3:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Directors: Ken Suslee, Carl Bergman, Dennis Hand, and Dave Schluckebier

Associate Directors: Dave Pastrovich, Dick Lyons and Brad Young

Staff: CJ Liddell, Dave Hobson, Kris Reynolds and Melissa Cauble

Absent:

Directors: Jason Anderson,

Associate Directors: Dan Eck

Guest: Amanda Cole, U of I Extension Advisor

Amanda was there to discuss the Ag Literacy program and to thank the board for their support in the past. She reviewed many of the programs and shared with the board the numbers of children and classes which coordinator Charlotte Schuricht had visited. She then asked the board to consider offering support for the upcoming year.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. No corrections or additions were noted.

Financial Statements and Approval of Bills: The board reviewed the financial statements. A copy of those statements is on file with these minutes in the SWCD office. No changes or corrections were noted.

Dave Schluckebier made a motion to approve the minutes, financial reports and payment of bills which were presented.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Staff Reports: Monthly reports were given by all employees except Dave Hobson who is on detail in Colorado. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to accept the reports as presented.**

2nd by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: Kris reported the group was planning a meeting for June 16 or 18. He stated they had been working with the Trailblazers club through Fusion on doing some activities on the Arches Rail Trail.

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris reviewed the monthly CPP progress report with the board. He asked for signatures from Chairman Bergman to amend and pay for projects on the Pope and Marten farms. Each needed an amendment due to a change in materials and they each came in under budget.

Dennis Hand made a motion to accept the amendments and submit requests for payment on each project.

2nd by: Dave Schluckebier

Carried: Yes

Next Kris stated he was still receiving applications and doing planning and estimates for FY 2014. He also stated that he had received information on doing water well testing. Kris shared the information with the board, but no action was taken.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ stated that three pre-approvals on EQIP projects had been reviewed. Those projects were on Huber, Heeren and Walch.

He then stated that five CSP applications were pre-approved on Ruppert, Jeff Arkebauer, Bill Arkebauer, Aaron Janssen and Jack Tosetti.

Under CRP, CJ stated that the program reopened for new applications and reenrollments on June 9, but only for the continuous sign up. He stated there will be no general sign up for 2014.

CREP: There was no news on the state side of CREP, however, the federal program had become available again with the re-instatement of the CRP program.

Contribution Agreement: SWCD boards and employees had been told to prepare to write new agreements with the opening up of the CRP program.

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa reported that June insurance bills had been paid. She stated there was enough money in the account to pay premiums through August. She then stated she was working on a new budget and allocation request to submit to IDoA for the FY 2015.

NEW BUSINESS

Prevailing Wage: Dave Schluckebier made a motion to accept the 2015 Prevailing Wage Ordinance.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

District Outing: The board and staff discussed possibilities for a summer outing. Melissa will investigate a couple of options.

Summer Conference: The board discussed the voting delegate and an auction item. Carl Bergman will be the voting delegate with Jason Anderson being his alternative.

The board approved \$75.00 for an auction item which Melissa will put together. They decided on a Rt. 66 themed gift basket highlighting points along the route which are in Montgomery County.

ISWCDEA Shirt Sale: Melissa reviewed an order form in which the ISWCDEA was having a shirt sale. The board decided against purchasing shirts but would rather make a donation to the group.

Ken Suslee made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the ISWCDEA in lieu of a t-shirt purchase.

2nd by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

Ag Chemical Container Recycling: Melissa reviewed a notice with several local dates and times listed for recycling plastic Ag chemical containers. She also shared the list with the board.

Change in Fish Farm Ownership: Kris explained to the board that the Fountain Bluff Fish Farm was under new ownership. It is hoped that we can continue to do business as usual with the new owners.

Section 1619 Training: CJ took a few moments to review section 1619 information with the board. He emphasized the importance of protecting personally identifiable information and confidentiality.

Tour: The board discussed having a conservation tour later in the summer. Kris explained that he was also planning to hold a cover crops tour again in November.

Employee Time Sheets: Dennis Hand made a motion to approve the time sheets.
2nd by: Ken Suslee Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, July 9 2014 at 3:00 p.m.

Adjourn: At 5:52 p.m. Ken Suslee made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2nd by: Dennis Hand Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date