

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Next meeting Wednesday, May 14, 2014 AT 8:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 4:19. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

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

Associate Directors: Dave Pastrovich

Staff: CJ Liddell, Kris Reynolds and Melissa Cauble

Absent:

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons, Dan Eck and Brad Young

Staff: Dave Hobson

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.

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

2nd by: Jason Anderson

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: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: Kris Reynolds reported that the group was planning a meeting for April. He also stated that he insurance company had denied the group's request for a damage claim at the Rt. 66 Prairie Restoration Project.

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris provided the board members with copies of the FY 2014 CPP Prioritization List. The list was discussed, as was the cost-share rate for the year. **Dennis Hand made a motion to approve the list as presented, maintaining the 40% provided cost-share amount.**

2nd by: Jason Anderson

Carried: Yes

Next, Kris reviewed the Transect Survey report with the board. He explained that the results were very late considering the survey was done in spring of 2013. He stated it showed very poor numbers representing tillage and residue amounts, partly because the drought of 2012 had affected crop residue amounts. Kris also informed the board that he had been asked to participate in a Transect

Survey working group which is looking at simplifying the process. He said changes were expected in survey routes, time involved, and in processing the data.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ reported that new CRP applications were still on hold until a new program could be released. He also stated that work was continuing as usual on existing contracts in CRP. He stated there were many landowners attempting to get their seedings completed on those existing contracts.

Under EQIP, CJ stated that contract management was in progress and that letters had been sent to participants. He stated he was still awaiting news on approvals of new applications and there was no obligation of funds yet.

CREP: No news

Contribution Agreement: No news

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa stated that the voucher for the second half of the insurance allocation had been processed and sent to the Comptroller the Monday before the board meeting. She stated that it was coded as a direct deposit and should be made electronically very soon.

Melissa also stated that all of the FY 2014 Operations and Program money had been received from IDoA

TurboTill Repair: Chairman Bergman informed the group that the blades, bearings, and bolts were in for the TurboTill. He asked for board cooperation in making the repairs.

Election Materials to Sign: Melissa asked Chairman Bergman to sign the required election forms which were due to the IDoA.

NEW BUSINESS

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, May 14, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourn: At 5:56 p.m. Dave Schluckebier made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date