

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Next meeting Wednesday, February 18, 2015 AT 9:00 a.m.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

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

Associate Directors: Brad Young and Dave Pastrovich

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

Absent:

Associate Directors: Dan Eck and Dick Lyons

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the December meeting were read and no corrections 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 and are included with these minutes. **Ken Suslee made a motion to accept the reports as presented.**

2nd by: Jason Anderson

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: Kris stated that the group had met in January and that they discussed the following:

- NAGs participation with the Trailblazer Club. NAGs purchased small prizes and T-shirts for those completed all the trails in the county
- Dan Eickhoff had rented a mower and did some mowing and maintenance on the trail
- They were trying create a small trail to lead away from the original trail and would give a good view of the arches
- The group is working with Eagle Zinc on a 25-acre site to do native plantings on the mound that is left after the plant is torn down and buried
- They are looking for a pro bono attorney to look at their claim on the Rt. 66 Prairie spray drift issue from 2013

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris explained that he had been working on the 2015 prioritization list and updating older applications. He also stated that FY 2104 projects were on schedule.

Kris finished by saying that he had some further information on the redistribution of EPA fines from the mine, but still no word if EPA would approve the proposal.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ reported that CRP continuous signup was still seeing some new applications coming in, but that no general signup was planned so far for 2015. He also stated that the status of further CP 38 SAFE acres was questionable.

He then reported that an EQIP batching period had just ended another was planned in March.

Finally CJ stated that CSP was an ongoing signup and that he would like to see a few more applications submitted.

CREP: CJ reported that three permanent easements were still in process on Young, Sporaneo/Hoffman and Cimarolli/Warmouth.

Contribution Agreement: No news

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa reported that she had received a deposit from the Comptroller's office, which is ½ of the 2015 allocation. She stated that she had requested Gina Bean make the insurance premium payment to CMS to cover the months of October-January.

Annual Meeting: Melissa reviewed the items that were set for Annual Meeting and stated that all plans were in place.

Long Range Plan: Kris Reynolds had begun the process of reviewing and updating the first six pages of the plan. The board and staff then made recommendations for initial changes to the plan. The plan will be worked on during the February meeting as well.

NEW BUSINESS

Contractor's Breakfast: Kris stated he was planning to hold a meeting for local excavating contractors on February 26 at the U of I Extension at 8:00 a.m. He stated that Springfield Plastics had pledged to pay for the meal and that a spokesman from Ameren had asked to speak about the importance of calling J.U.L.I.E.

Employee Time Sheets: Jason Anderson made a motion to approve the time sheets.
2nd by: Dave Schluckebier Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: At 11:27 a.m. Dave Schluckebier made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2nd by: Ken Suslee

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date