

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Next meeting THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 9:13 a.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

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

Associate Directors: Dave Pastrovich, Brad Young, and Dan Eck

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

Absent:

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the February 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.

Ken Suslee made a motion to approve the 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. **Jason Anderson made a motion to accept the reports as presented.**

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: Kris reported that the group had planned a meeting for March 12 at 3:00 p.m. He also mentioned that the group had completed and sent out a newsletter at the end of February.

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris stated that there was still no news on C-2000 program money for FY 2015. He also stated there was still a chance to receive some FY 2013 money from Christian county if there is a project that we can get done by May 7.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ began by stating that the regular continuous signup was underway, however there is still a rumor that CP-42 acres may see acreage restrictions.

Under EQIP, CJ stated that he was working with five pre-approved landowners including Hamlin, Bertolino, Durbin, Singler and Fuchs.

Finally, CJ stated that CSP aps were being taken and that there were several new applicants this round.

CREP: Melissa reported that CREP Specialist Catherine Dunn was ready to submit a voucher for the SWCD's admin fee from the Cimarolli project and their state side of the cost-share. Melissa then stated that there was likely going to be a new enrollment on Weitekamp and that others still in progress included another farm on Cimarolli/Warmouth, Young, and Speraneo.

Contribution Agreement: No news

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa reported that March bills had been paid and that she would now be awaiting the second half of the insurance allocation to be deposited before any more bills could be paid. Melissa also stated that the second half of FY 15 operations money had not been received as of yet.

Long Range Plan: Kris and the board and staff reviewed the third and final section of the plan. Changes and updates were made to that section. Kris and Melissa will compile the changes and have a completed copy to present at the April board meeting.

Contractor's Breakfast: The group took a few minutes to review the meeting which was held in late February. All felt it was a good meeting and were impressed with both the turnout and the guest speakers from Springfield Plastics and Ameren.

NEW BUSINESS

Lake Lou Yaeger Resource Planning Committee: CJ reviewed the plans for the meeting which is scheduled for March 31 at Litchfield City Hall. CJ invited the board members to attend. He will have more to report at the April board meeting.

Officer Elections/Annual Meeting Paperwork: Jason Anderson made a motion to retain the same officers as follows:

Chairman: Carl Bergman
Vice Chair: Ken Suslee
Sec/Treas: Dave Schluckebier
Director: Jason Anderson
Director: Dennis Hand

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Next, Jason Anderson made a motion to approve the following Associate Directors to the MCSWCD Board:

Brad Young
Dick Lyons
Dan Eck
Dave Pastrovich

2nd by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

Land Use Council Meeting: Melissa reminded the group that a meeting of the LUC 9 members was planned for Tuesday, March 24 at Maverick at Litchfield, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Ken Suslee had stated that he was planning to attend

Legislative Day: The board and staff took a few minutes to review the event. They all felt that it was a very well organized and well attended event. Staff members stated that was the first time they had been in contact with so many legislators during that event.

Employee Time Sheets: Dave Schluckebier made a motion to approve the time sheets.

2nd by: Jason Anderson

Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2015 AT 4:00 P.M.

Adjourn: At 12:00 p.m. Dave Schluckebier made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Jason Anderson

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date