

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order: Mike at 8:08 AM

Approve Minutes: Motion- Eric 2nd- David Approved

Treasurers Report: Motion- David 2nd- Eric Approved

OLD BUSINESS

Farm Progress- No final numbers yet. Waiting on an invoice for participation numbers. Angela reports that it went really well. Wednesday was very busy, Thursday was very slow. Mike suggested that a better use of funds would be to send employees into the field to speak with landowners and take them to lunch and view their fields. David added that the Association had a booth and that our booth was redundant and suggested that we could assist the Association with their booth in the future. Angela suggested coming up with a plan before the next FPS with the Association.

Fish Sale- Pick up Oct 12th. And yes, there was a price mark-up.

Lady Landowners- Tomorrow is the bus trip to Champaign University of Illinois to view their Ag center. Mike stated that this is a good opportunity to speak with the landowners about telling their land operators to insist on conservation practices. Angela said that ours is the biggest lady landowner group in the state. There was potential to bring in the tenants to a meeting, but farmers would end up trying to get more landowners to hire them to farm their ground.

NEW BUSINESS

IDOA GRANT AGREEMENT-

- Exhibit C- Clause stating that there must be an RC available. Can hire one or “rent” one from another district, but those are overworked. Angela can take some IDOA classes and be an RC In-Training along with Manny and Matthew and that should be accepted as enough technical support available. Angela is very eager to learn more about the technical side of this business. Angela mentioned that hiring a full time RC would be ideal, but the board members were skeptical of future state funding.
- This was the only note that Angela had that stood out in this agreement.
- Angela will find out how to get more than the floor amount of funds.

SWCD INSURANCE- Reviewing workers Comp and Liability Ins through the AISWCD.

- General Liability- we are at \$25,000. Does that need to be that high or can it go down to \$15,000? Copy machine has its own insurance. Troxell suggested lowering the coverage to \$15,000. The monthly bill is an extra \$100. The biggest things that need coverage is Angela’s computer and the copier. In order to get another NRCS computer, we need another “seat” added. Kent discussed this and found that we were lucky to have the 2 extra seats for Manny and Matthew and adding another seat is very unlikely.

- \$21/year for the tree planter. To use it, it costs a farmer \$50. Board members agreed that the planter could be useful and it's cheap enough to keep.

MYHB Agreement- Approved to continue.

STAFF REPORTS

Matt- Enclosed

Kent- Enclosed

Manny- Enclosed

Angela- NRCS agreement is going well, but is very detailed and we haven't received payment yet. It takes quite a bit of time, but is worth it. Angela learning about CPP from Elliot.

Mike suggested sending out flyers about not chiseling waterways. Would be important to send out before fall harvest. Farm Bureau might add a free article.

Adjourned into exec session at 9:13AM

Out of exec session at 9:41 AM

Eric motioned to pay Darrell Parrish \$2580.00 and Katie second. All in favor

Dave motions to terminate Matthew Hanauer due to lack of job performance, second by Eric and Katie.

Motion to adjourn at 9:51 AM by Eric, second Katie