

# MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, March 12, 2014

**Next meeting Wednesday, April 9, 2014 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 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 9:08. Roll call was as follows:

**Present:**

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

**Associate Directors:** Dave Pastrovich, Dick Lyons, Dan Eck and Brad Young

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

**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.

**Jason Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, financial reports and payment of bills which were presented.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ken Suslee**

**Carried: Yes**

**Staff Reports:** Monthly reports were given by all employees. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to accept the reports as presented.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ken Suslee**

**Carried: Yes**

**Natural Area Guardians Report:** No report was given; however, Kris Reynolds reported on his progress in dealing with the aerial spraying company and their insurance provider in the matter of the spray drift kill at Rt. 66 Prairie. Kris also reported that the group was still busy working on the Arches Rail Trail doing cleanup and at Hillsboro Area Hospital doing seeding.

### OLD BUSINESS

**C-2000 Programs:** Kris reported that he was still working on the FY 2014 prioritization list, although the district had not yet received any of FY 2014 funding. He also reported that he still had four projects in progress which would be paid from FY 2013 funds.

**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.

Under EQIP, CJ stated that he was in the process of waiting on the first batching period approvals and also awaiting allocations and new rules since passage of the farm bill. He then stated that new apps were coming in and one of them was a CNMP livestock contract.

**CREP:** Melissa reported the district had received the lump sum payment on Gary and April Getz and she was awaiting a closing date with Spears' Title Company. She stated she would like a director present at the closing. She then stated that another permanent easement project was moving along very quickly.

**Contribution Agreement:** No news

**Budget/Insurance News:** Melissa reported that no news had been received on when more of the 2014 Operations Allocation or the CPP allocation would be expected. She stated that Insurance bills had been paid up for March, but without a deposit, she would be unable to pay for April's health premiums.

**Lake Lou Yaeger Planning:** Dick Lyons took a few minutes to review a power point presentation dealing with nutrient reduction with the board. CJ followed up by saying the City of Litchfield had asked for the SWCD's assistance in promoting and support of a new Resource Planning Committee to review the most recent Lake Lou Yaeger plan. The board asked Kris to set up a meeting and invite possible interested parties on or around March 31

**TurboTill Repair:** The board and staff discussed the possibility of either replacing the blades and other parts on the existing TurboTill or possibly replacing it with a newer model. The board members agreed that replacing the machine would be too costly and that they would check into the cost of the parts needed to make the repairs.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Election of District Officers:** The board took a few moments to elect officers for the coming year. Jason Anderson made a motion to nominate Carl Bergman as Chairman, Ken Suslee as Vice Chairman, and Dave Schluckebier as Secretary/Treasurer.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

**State Envirothon Donation:** Ken Suslee made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the State Envirothon.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

**NACD Dues:** Jason Anderson made a motion to send a dues donation of \$500.00 to NACD for 2014.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

**Employee Time Sheets:** Jason Anderson made a motion to approve the time sheets.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

**Next Meeting:** To be held Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** At 11:50 a.m. Dave Pastrovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dave Schluckebier

Carried: Yes

**Signed:**

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Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

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