

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Next meeting Wednesday, December 10, 2014 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, November 12, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Directors: Ken Suslee, Carl Bergman, Dennis Hand, and Dave Schluckebier
Staff: CJ Liddell, Dave Hobson, Kris Reynolds and Melissa Cauble

Absent:

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

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Due to a lack of quorum, there were no minutes to approve from the October meeting. Administrative Coordinator Melissa Cauble noted that Carl Bergman and Jason Anderson were present during that meeting time to hear the audit report from Adam Mathias, CPA, but that no other business was heard.

Approval of September Meeting Minutes: Dennis Hand made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 2014 meeting.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

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.

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

2nd by: Dennis Hand

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: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: No report

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris stated that he was working to prioritize FY 2015 projects. He stated some survey work had been completed before weather got bad.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ reported the following items on federal programs:

1. RCPP applications would soon be accepted and participants can utilize EQIP and CSP funds in certain watersheds through RCPP
2. CSP—some participants had completed first-year projects
3. CRP enrollments had slowed down, and there was rumor that the CP-42 practice would be limited on large acreages
4. CP-38 SAFE acres had been zeroed out in the county
5. EQIP first deadline was 11/21

CREP: Melissa reported that Jake Vancil was working with landowners Warmouth, Cimarolli and Young. She stated that Dave Weitekamp is also interested.

Contribution Agreement: Kris reported that we had received all money for FY 2014. He stated that there was no word on a new agreement.

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa reported that no money had been received as of yet, but that vouchers for ½ of the insurance and ½ of the operations money had been sent to the Comptroller's office.

Cover Crops Meeting: Kris reviewed the recent meeting and tour held by the district. He then discussed the upcoming seminars being held by the IDoA.

Review/Pass 2015 SWCD Budget: Melissa reviewed the budget prepared from FY 2014 actual numbers with the board. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to approve the FY 2015 budget.**

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Soil Judging Contests: Kris Reynolds reviewed the outcome of the two contests held during the fall. He stated that Nokomis won the county contest and that Ramsey won the Section 19 contest.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: The board agreed to set the meeting date for January 15, with the bad weather date being January 22. They also agreed to serve a small meal with soup and sandwiches again. Melissa will contact the nominating committee and ask them to meet at 10:00 a.m. at the December board meeting. Carl Bergman and Ken Suslee will be up for election in 2015.

Desk/Chair Purchase: Melissa and Kris described the condition of their desks and asked the board to consider purchasing new desks/workstations. The board asked Melissa to shop around and report at the next meeting.

Annual Plan of Work: Dennis Hand made a motion to approve the Annual Plan of Work for FY 2015.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Christmas Party: The board agreed to hold the annual Christmas Party at the Hillsboro Country Club on December 11th if it is available. (That date was not available so the date is now the 16th). A buffet meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.

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

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourn: At 10:00 p.m. Dave Schluckebier made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
2nd by: Dennis Hand Carried: Yes**

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date