

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, December 10, 2014

Next meeting Wednesday, January 14, 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, December 10, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

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

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons and Dave Pastrovich

Staff: Kris Reynolds and Melissa Cauble

Absent:

Associate Directors: Dan Eck and Brad Young

Staff: CJ Liddell and Dave Hobson

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Minutes of the November 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.

Jason Anderson 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. **Dave Schluckebier 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 began by sharing information with the board about upcoming Conservation Cropping Seminars. He stated the closest location to us was at Lake Land College in Mattoon in February.

Kris then let the board know that there will be no official Transect survey done in 2015, but that a survey on the same route would be done to collect data about conservation practices and cover crops.

Finally Kris stated that he was still working to prioritize FY 2015 projects and that no money had been received yet.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: Kris reported that the office staff had been busy with EQIP and some CRP. He also explained the customer receipt system which was being implemented as well as Client Gateway. Kris explained that Montgomery County was a beta testing county for the Gateway and that there would be an opportunity for the district to earn money for work done with it.

CREP: Melissa reported that she had attended a closing on the CREP easement with Cimarolli/Warmouth and that they had been paid. She also stated that Cimarolli/Warmouth have a second easement underway as well as easements on Sharon Finn Young and Howard Hoffman.

Contribution Agreement: No news

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa reported that vouchers for both operations funds and insurance funds were at the Comptroller's office. She stated that she was now three months behind in paying health insurance premiums, but that CMS was aware and that they were willing to wait without imposing penalties or fees. She then stated the life and disability premiums were paid up to date.

Annual Meeting: A nominating committee consisting of Ruth Carroll, John Paden and Linda Throne met with candidates Carl Bergman and Ken Suslee to confirm their intent to run for election to the SWCD board.

The board also asked Melissa to contact Liz Corrado of Elevate Energy to be the speaker and to purchase \$100.00 in gift cards to use as door prizes.

Melissa then stated she had confirmed Jason Milanos of Milanos' catering to serve soup and sandwiches at the meeting.

Christmas Party: Melissa stated that the event details were set for the party at the Hillsboro Country Club.

Desk/Chair Purchase: Melissa and Kris shared the information they had gained about new desk/workstations and chairs to use in the office. **Jason Anderson made a motion to spend no more than \$4,300.00 on two workstations, four chairs and two new chair mats.**

2nd by: Dave Schluckebier

Carried: Yes

NEW BUSINESS

Long Range Plan: The board and staff agreed to work toward getting the plan revised before the March board meeting.

Winter Training Update: Staff members reviewed the content of the training session held in Springfield.

Repair Bill: Carl Bergman presented a bill for labor he performed on the TurboTill recently. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to pay Carl \$225.00 for the repairs.**

2nd by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

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

2nd by: Dennis Hand

Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: At 12:21 p.m. Dennis Hand made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Jason Anderson

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date