

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Next meeting Wednesday, June 11, 2014 AT 8:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Carl Bergman called the meeting to order at 3:12. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

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

Associate Directors: Dave Pastrovich and Brad Young

Staff: CJ Liddell, Kris Reynolds and Melissa Cauble

Absent:

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons and Dan Eck

Staff: Dave Hobson

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.

The board then discussed purchase of a CD at the CNB Bank in Hillsboro. It was noted that the money from the Bank of America CD was still in the CNB checking account from when the money was moved there. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to purchase a \$20,000.00 CD using available funds in the CNB 0100 checking account.**

2nd by: Jason Anderson **Carried: Yes**

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 except Dave Hobson who is on detail in Colorado. **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 shared the CPP Progress Update with the board. It showed how much money was still available and the progress of approved jobs.

He then asked Chairman Bergman to sign contracts on FY 2014 projects which were approved in April.

Finally, Kris reviewed the draft of the Nutrient Management Reduction survey which was shared by the AISWCD.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ stated there was still no news on new CRP program signup or on EQIP. He stated that he was awaiting approvals on recently submitted EQIP applications.

Under CSP, CJ reported that he was working on applications to be reviewed on May 27. He said he expected to receive the pre-approval notifications in June on those applications.

Finally, CJ discussed the new ACEP (Agricultural Conservation Easement Program). This program will allow landowners to protect and restore important landscapes, like wetlands, grasslands and farmlands.

CREP: No news

Contribution Agreement: No news

Budget/Insurance News: Melissa reported the second half of Insurance deposit was received on April 11, via electronic means. She stated CMS was paid just a few days late of the April billing deadline and that all bills have been paid up through May.

She then stated that she attended the CMS seminar to learn the rate tier and rates for 2015. She said the group went from a B+ rating to an A. Melissa reported that she was currently using the new numbers to develop a budget for 2015 and preparing a request for the insurance allocation for next year.

Illinois Envirothon: Melissa reported that Midland High School from Varna, IL in Peoria County won first; Glenbrook South from Cook Co, won second; and Altamont HS from Effingham County won third. She said that Lincolnwood did pretty well for their first time at the competition and they all said they enjoyed the experience.

NEW BUSINESS

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

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.

Adjourn: At 4:56 p.m. Ken Suslee made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Jason Anderson

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date