

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2009

Chairperson, Paul D. Young at the USDA Building, Morrison, Illinois, called the monthly Board Meeting of the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District to order at 7:03 p.m., October 7, 2009.

Those present were:

DIRECTORS: Tim Keller, Michael Jacobsen, and Dave Cook

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS: None

GUESTS: None

DISTRICT PERSONNEL: Dave Harrison, Resource Conservationist; Tammy Houzenga, Administrative Coordinator; and Rhonda Marshang, Education Coordinator

NRCS PERSONNEL: Mark Kaiser, District Conservationist

MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Tim Keller to approve the September 2, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Tim Keller to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Tim Keller to pay pending bills, time sheets, and overtime. Motion Carried. IDOA FY2010 Grant Agreement: Operations=\$59,459.32, PCF=\$24,400.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT

Mark Kaiser, District Conservationist, reported on Application, Continuous CRP, CSP, PRS reporting, EQIP, Conservation Compliance, and Information and Upcoming Events. Steve Hollister Retirement – Last day- 12/3/2009. **A motion was made by Michael Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to adopt the new NRCS policy on materials documentation. Motion Carried.** See report for details.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT

Dave Harrison, Resource Conservationist, reported: CPP – 2 more projects have been completed and another is getting ready to start. 4 names have been added to the waiting list. SSRP – One project has to be reviewed for final funding. JF New did not renew their contract with IDOA. Their replacement has not been announced. Native Grass – Has been ordered. County Board Funding – Dave Harrison and Michael Jacobsen attended the meeting on 9/8/09, requesting \$15,000 for calendar year 2010. Seed picking - \$2,000 net sales anticipated. Education Program Presentations– Soils Contest 9/30/09, Conservation Day 10/1/09, Forestry Tour at Clayton Lindscheid's Farm 10/3/09, Lee/Ogle Stewardship Days 10/7-8/09. **A motion was made by Michael Jacobsen, seconded by Tim Keller to donate \$100 to the Soil & Water Conservation Society. Motion Carried.** See report for details.

ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Tammy Houzenga, Administrative Coordinator, reported: 2010 Annual Meeting Entertainment – Jay Hendren, \$600 + Hotel. December Board Meeting – Moved to 12/9/09 due to Winter Training conflict. NILUC December Meeting – 12/10/09 @ the SuperWash Conference Room. Lunch will be catered by HyVee. District Website – Has been published. CD – Tammy will get quotes for the CD. Ewer's Property – **A motion was made by Dave Cook, seconded by Michael Jacobsen to leave the Ewer's Property Farm Lease Crop Year 2010 the same as Crop Year 2009. Motion Carried.** See report for details.

EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Rhonda Marshang, Education Coordinator, reported: Summer Education Programs and Activities, Preparation for School Year 2009-2010 Programs, Envirothon, Conservation Day, other education activities in Whiteside County, and activities for surrounding counties, media, and workshop requests. See report for details.

NATURAL AREA GUARDIANS REPORT

Tim Keller, NAG's Vice-President reported: Next NAG's meeting is 7:00 PM at the Odell Public Library 10/8. The Boy Scouts are working with Tim to remove invasive weeds. Whiteside County is a state barn tour leader. NACD 2010 Annual Meeting/Orlando FL – Tim would like to attend. Tammy will check with Sherry for details. Earth Day Plans/Rhonda – As of today, Rhonda has no set plans for Earth Day. See attached report for details.

AISWCD REPORT

See attached reports/e-mails.

RC&D REPORT

See attached report for details.

CPP and CRP PLANS

A motion was made by Michael Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to approve CRP plans for: James Nowers, Larry VanOosten, Dave Wagenecht, Paul Rosenow (3 plans), Plautz Farm, Gene Pessman, Jayne Pearce, Jeff Woodworth, Betty Warkins, Larry Noord, McDonnell Farms, Merle Linton (2 plans), Scott Lawrence, Robert Keag (2 plans), Paul Kane, Frank Kane, Larry Jepsen, Jeanette Calkin, Bill Snyder (2 plans), Scott Temple, JC & Mat Henrekin, Robert Arians, Judson Ashdown, Jim Baker, Bill Behrens, Luke Besse, Harvey Bush Irrevo Trust (2 plans), Milton Bush, Allen Bush, Jay & Eugene Book, Robert J Bollivar, Larry Deneve, Gary Clark, Lamont Farthing, Katherine Dobbins, James Fish Rev Trust, David Hayne, and Jeff Huisenga. Motion Carried.

RC & AC POSITION DESCRIPTIONS

A motion was made by Michael Jacobsen, seconded by Tim Keller to approve the updated job descriptions for the RC & AC position. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Whiteside County SWCD Conservation District Investment Policy – Michael Jacobsen reported: A financial planner volunteered to read the policy, finding that the wording severely limits the District's ability to make investments. Michael will further review the policy's statutes and report the results at the November SWCD Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A roll call vote was taken of all directors by Paul D. Young, Chairperson: Tim Keller-yes, Dave Cook-yes, and Michael Jacobsen-yes at 8:15 PM. They came out of executive session at 8:35. Discussed the education program.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Michael Jacobsen, seconded by Dave Cook to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Motion Carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next board meeting for the Whiteside County Soil & Water Conservation District will be November 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Location-USDA Building, Morrison, IL 61270

Approved by: Michael Jacobsen, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes taken by: Tammy Houzenga/AC