

**Whiteside County Soil & Water  
Conservation District's Agenda**

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Monthly Board Meeting  
7:00 P.M.  
August 4, 2010  
USDA Building  
16255 Liberty Street  
Morrison, IL 61270

1. Approve Minutes of July 7, 2010 Meeting
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Approve Time Sheets, Overtime, & Pending Bills
4. District Conservationist's Report
5. Resource Conservationist's Report
6. Administrative Coordinator's Report
7. Education Coordinator's Report
8. Annual Meeting plans for Next year
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Executive Session
12. Education Foundation

# MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2010

Chairperson, Dave Cook at the USDA Building, Morrison, Illinois, called the monthly Board Meeting of the Whiteside County Soil and Water Conservation District to order at 7:00 p.m., July 7, 2010.

Those present were:

**DIRECTORS:** Jeff Melton, Paul Young, Dave Cook, Michael Jacobsen, and Tim Keller

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS:** None

**GUESTS:** None

**DISTRICT PERSONNEL:** Dave Harrison, Resource Conservationist and Rhonda Marshang, Education Coordinator and Wendy Roman, Administrative Coordinator

**NRCS PERSONNEL:** Mark Kaiser, District Conservationist

## MINUTES

A motion was made by Jeff Melton, seconded by Tim Keller to approve the June 2, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes. Motion Carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion was made by Tim Keller, seconded by Jeff Melton to accept the Treasurer's Report as given. Motion Carried. Time sheets, overtime, and pending bills were approved by a motion from Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Tim Keller.

## DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT

See enclosed report.

## RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT

See enclosed report.

## ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR'S REPORT

See enclosed report.

## EDUCATION COORDINATOR'S REPORT

See enclosed report.

## AISWCD

Summer Conference July 26 – July 28

Resolutions were discussed to decided on issues to vote on.

## ANNUAL MEETING – Plans for 2011

Need to talk with Christina Nye from the Shedd Aquarium about the best dates for her. Work on banquet prices/ideas. Also coming up with a big ticket raffle item for the Annual Meeting.

## NEW BUSINESS

Started looking at the FY1 budget, directors asked to pencil in numbers, and go over at August 4 board meeting. A motion was made by Paul Young and seconded by Time Keller to pay NACD dues of \$500.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

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A roll call at for executive session was taken. Dave Cook, Tim Keller, Mike Jacobsen, Jeff Melton and Paul Young entered the executive session.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Mike Jacobsen, seconded by Jeff Melton to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m. Motion Carried.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next board meeting for the Whiteside County Soil & Water Conservation District will be August 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Location-USDA Building, Morrison, IL 61270

Approved by: Michael Jacobsen, Secretary/Treasurer

Minutes taken by: Wendy Roman, AC

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11:02 AM  
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Cash Basis

Whiteside County SWCD  
Balance Sheet  
As of July 29, 2010

	<u>Jul 29, 10</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
<b>1000 · UNRESTRICTED CASH</b>	
<b>1001 · LOCAL CHECKING</b>	
1001.01 · District Account (Local)	17,819.10
<b>Total 1001 · LOCAL CHECKING</b>	17,819.10
<b>1002 · IL FUNDS</b>	
1002.01 · District Operations (IL Funds) (The Illinois ...	18,293.79
<b>Total 1002 · IL FUNDS</b>	18,293.79
<b>1009 · Petty Cash</b>	130.29
<b>Total 1000 · UNRESTRICTED CASH</b>	36,243.18
<b>1030 · CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</b>	
1030.01 · TIME Certificate of Deposit (Farmers Nationa...	71,407.18
1030 · CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT - Other	-14,762.66
<b>Total 1030 · CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT</b>	56,644.52
<b>1100 · RESTRICTED CASH</b>	
<b>1101 · IL FUNDS PROGRAM ACCOUNTS</b>	
1101.02 · Program Account (The Illinois Funds)	52,863.19
<b>Total 1101 · IL FUNDS PROGRAM ACCOUNTS</b>	52,863.19
<b>Total 1100 · RESTRICTED CASH</b>	52,863.19
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	145,750.89
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	145,750.89
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>145,750.89</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	0.00

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Whiteside County SWCD  
Profit & Loss  
July 1 - 29, 2010

	<u>Jul 1 - 29, 10</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
<b>Income</b>	
<b>4200 · LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT</b>	
4200.01 · County board funds (County board f...	5,000.00
<b>Total 4200 · LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT</b>	5,000.00
<b>4400 · DISTRICT SALES</b>	
4400.01 · Fall Tree Sales	10.50
4400.05 · Tree Shelters	60.00
4400.19 · Rain Barrel (Rain Barrel)	378.00
<b>Total 4400 · DISTRICT SALES</b>	448.50
4610 · Advertising	750.00
4800 · Interest - all accounts	
4800.02 · District CD Interest (District CD Inte...	247.34
<b>Total 4800 · Interest - all accounts</b>	247.34
700 · Natural Area Guardians Income	
7004.1 · MUGS (Mugs)	5.00
<b>Total 700 · Natural Area Guardians Income</b>	5.00
720 · Sales Income	1,597.50
<b>Total Income</b>	8,048.34
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
<b>5000 · COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	
5001 · Product	0.00
5015 · Sub Contractors	2,180.00
<b>5000 · COST OF GOODS SOLD - Other</b>	0.00
<b>Total 5000 · COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	2,180.00
<b>Total COGS</b>	2,180.00
<b>Gross Profit</b>	5,868.34
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>5100 · PAYROLL EXPENSES</b>	
<b>5110 · COMPENSATION</b>	
5110.01 · Regular Pay	5,735.30
5110.03 · Overtime Pay	0.00
<b>Total 5110 · COMPENSATION</b>	5,735.30
<b>5120 · PAYROLL TAXES</b>	
5120.02 · Social Security	355.59
5120.04 · Medicare	83.16

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Whiteside County SWCD  
Profit & Loss  
July 1 - 29, 2010

	<u>Jul 1 - 29, 10</u>
5140 · State Unemployment	15.88
Total 5120 · PAYROLL TAXES	<u>454.63</u>
Total 5100 · PAYROLL EXPENSES	6,189.93
5200 · PROGRAM EXPENSE	
5200.01 · Food	479.00
Total 5200 · PROGRAM EXPENSE	<u>479.00</u>
5250 · EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	
5250.02 · Public Relations	81.65
Total 5250 · EDUCATION AND PROMOTION	<u>81.65</u>
6010 · DELIVERY	
6010.01 · Postage	146.20
Total 6010 · DELIVERY	<u>146.20</u>
950 · Sales	0.00
Total Expense	<u>6,896.78</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,028.44</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-1,028.44</u></u>

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**Whiteside County SWCD**  
**Check Detail**  
July 1 - 29, 2010

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amo...
<b>Bill Pmt -Che...</b>	<b>2080</b>	<b>7/2/2010</b>	<b>AISWCD</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-479.00</b>
Bill		7/2/2010			5200.01 · Food	-479.00	479.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-479.00</b>	<b>479.00</b>
<b>Bill Pmt -Che...</b>	<b>2081</b>	<b>7/2/2010</b>	<b>Postmaster</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-150.00</b>
Bill		7/2/2010			6010.01 · Postage	-150.00	150.00
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-150.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>
<b>Paycheck</b>	<b>2082</b>	<b>7/9/2010</b>	<b>Harrison, Davi...</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-1,234.05</b>
					5110.01 · Regul...	-1,635.20	1,635.20
					2120.01 · Feder...	227.00	-227.00
					5120.02 · Socia...	-101.38	101.38
					2120.02 · Socia...	101.38	-101.38
					2120.03 · Socia...	101.38	-101.38
					5120.04 · Medi...	-23.71	23.71
					2120.04 · Medi...	23.71	-23.71
					2120.05 · Medi...	23.71	-23.71
					2130 · State Wi...	49.06	-49.06
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-1,234.05</b>	<b>1,234.05</b>
<b>Paycheck</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>7/9/2010</b>	<b>Marshang, Rh...</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-234.53</b>
					5110.01 · Regul...	-262.50	262.50
					5120.02 · Socia...	-16.28	16.28
					2120.02 · Socia...	16.28	-16.28
					2120.03 · Socia...	16.28	-16.28
					5120.04 · Medi...	-3.81	3.81
					2120.04 · Medi...	3.81	-3.81
					2120.05 · Medi...	3.81	-3.81
					2130 · State Wi...	7.88	-7.88
					5140 · State Un...	-1.71	1.71
					2140 · State Un...	1.71	-1.71
<b>TOTAL</b>						<b>-234.53</b>	<b>234.53</b>
<b>Paycheck</b>	<b>2084</b>	<b>7/9/2010</b>	<b>Roman, Wend...</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-719.54</b>
					5110.01 · Regul...	-840.00	840.00
					2120.01 · Feder...	31.00	-31.00
					5120.02 · Socia...	-52.08	52.08
					2120.02 · Socia...	52.08	-52.08
					2120.03 · Socia...	52.08	-52.08
					5120.04 · Medi...	-12.18	12.18
					2120.04 · Medi...	12.18	-12.18
					2120.05 · Medi...	12.18	-12.18

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July 1 - 29, 2010

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amo...
					2130 · State Wi...	25.20	-25.20
					5140 · State Un...	-5.46	5.46
					2140 · State Un...	5.46	-5.46
TOTAL						-719.54	719.54
<b>Bill Pmt -Che...</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>7/8/2010</b>	<b>Stephenson, Di...</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-480.00</b>
Bill		7/8/2010			5015 · Sub Con...	-480.00	480.00
TOTAL						-480.00	480.00
<b>Paycheck</b>	<b>2085</b>	<b>7/21/2010</b>	<b>Harrison, Davi...</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-1,249.07</b>
					5110.01 · Regul...	-490.56	490.56
					5110.01 · Regul...	-1,167.04	1,167.04
					2120.01 · Feder...	232.00	-232.00
					5120.02 · Socia...	-102.77	102.77
					2120.02 · Socia...	102.77	-102.77
					2120.03 · Socia...	102.77	-102.77
					5120.04 · Medi...	-24.03	24.03
					2120.04 · Medi...	24.03	-24.03
					2120.05 · Medi...	24.03	-24.03
					2130 · State Wi...	49.73	-49.73
TOTAL						-1,249.07	1,249.07
<b>Bill Pmt -Che...</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>7/8/2010</b>	<b>Ortiz, Tina</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-480.00</b>
Bill		7/8/2010			5015 · Sub Con...	-480.00	480.00
TOTAL						-480.00	480.00
<b>Paycheck</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>7/21/2010</b>	<b>Marshang, Rh...</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-446.75</b>
					5110.01 · Regul...	-500.00	500.00
					5120.02 · Socia...	-31.00	31.00
					2120.02 · Socia...	31.00	-31.00
					2120.03 · Socia...	31.00	-31.00
					5120.04 · Medi...	-7.25	7.25
					2120.04 · Medi...	7.25	-7.25
					2120.05 · Medi...	7.25	-7.25
					2130 · State Wi...	15.00	-15.00
					5140 · State Un...	-3.25	3.25
					2140 · State Un...	3.25	-3.25
TOTAL						-446.75	446.75
<b>Bill Pmt -Che...</b>	<b>2087</b>	<b>7/8/2010</b>	<b>Yenney, Ed</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>		<b>-520.00</b>
Bill		7/8/2010			5015 · Sub Con...	-520.00	520.00

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July 1 - 29, 2010

Type	Num	Date	Name	Item	Account	Paid Amount	Original Amo...
TOTAL						-520.00	520.00
Paycheck	2087	7/21/2010	Roman, Wend...		1001.01 · Distri...		-719.54
					5110.01 · Regul...	-840.00	840.00
					2120.01 · Feder...	31.00	-31.00
					5120.02 · Socia...	-52.08	52.08
					2120.02 · Socia...	52.08	-52.08
					2120.03 · Socia...	52.08	-52.08
					5120.04 · Medi...	-12.18	12.18
					2120.04 · Medi...	12.18	-12.18
					2120.05 · Medi...	12.18	-12.18
					2130 · State Wi...	25.20	-25.20
					5140 · State Un...	-5.46	5.46
					2140 · State Un...	5.46	-5.46
TOTAL						-719.54	719.54
Bill Pmt -Che...	2088	7/8/2010	Given, Amy		1001.01 · Distri...		-500.00
Bill		7/8/2010			5015 · Sub Con...	-500.00	500.00
TOTAL						-500.00	500.00
Bill Pmt -Che...	2089	7/8/2010	Ness, Allan		1001.01 · Distri...		-200.00
Bill		7/8/2010			5015 · Sub Con...	-200.00	200.00
TOTAL						-200.00	200.00

**Whiteside County SWCD**  
**Deposit Detail**  
July 1 - 29, 2010

Type	Num	Date	Name	Account	Amount
<b>Deposit</b>		<b>7/6/2010</b>		<b>1030 · CERTI...</b>	<b>247.34</b>
				4800.02 · Distri...	-247.34
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-247.34</b>
<b>Deposit</b>		<b>7/8/2010</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>	<b>535.98</b>
Sales Receipt		5/13/2010	Latwesen, Vern	1499 · Undepos...	-10.00
Sales Receipt		6/22/2010	Geerts, David	1499 · Undepos...	-20.00
Sales Receipt		6/24/2010	Assurant Group	1499 · Undepos...	-129.98
Payment	24197	7/2/2010	Peabody's, Inc.	1499 · Undepos...	-250.00
Sales Receipt		7/6/2010	Veith, Nancy	1499 · Undepos...	-63.00
Sales Receipt		7/6/2010	Kuebel, Kathy	1499 · Undepos...	-63.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-535.98</b>
<b>Deposit</b>		<b>7/19/2010</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>	<b>5,192.80</b>
Sales Receipt		7/13/2010	Whiteside Coun...	1499 · Undepos...	-5,000.00
Sales Receipt		7/15/2010	Howard, Roxanne	1499 · Undepos...	-63.00
Sales Receipt		7/15/2010	Ginn, Stephen	1499 · Undepos...	-63.00
Payment	5163	7/15/2010	Pheasants Forever	1499 · Undepos...	-3.80
Sales Receipt		7/15/2010	Stover, Edward	1499 · Undepos...	-63.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-5,192.80</b>
<b>Deposit</b>		<b>7/29/2010</b>		<b>1001.01 · Distri...</b>	<b>2,231.00</b>
Sales Receipt		7/20/2010	Smith, Bob	1499 · Undepos...	-10.50
Sales Receipt		7/19/2010	RKR Nursery	1499 · Undepos...	-125.00
Sales Receipt		7/19/2010	Community Sta...	1499 · Undepos...	-125.00
Sales Receipt		7/19/2010	Stichter Excava...	1499 · Undepos...	-125.00
Sales Receipt		7/19/2010	Vogel, Melissa	1499 · Undepos...	-63.00
Sales Receipt		7/22/2010	Goldstar FS, Inc	1499 · Undepos...	-125.00
Payment	1109	7/29/2010	Lawrence, Scott	1499 · Undepos...	-1,597.50
Sales Receipt		7/29/2010	Adolph, David ...	1499 · Undepos...	-60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>-2,231.00</b>

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Whiteside County SWCD  
A/R Aging Summary  
All Transactions

	<u>Current</u>	<u>1 - 30</u>	<u>31 - 60</u>	<u>61 - 90</u>	<u>&gt; 90</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Besse, Luke	0.00	525.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.50
<del>Stichter</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>	<del>0.00</del>
Rosenow, PaulC	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00	0.00	425.00
Stichter Construct...	0.00	720.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	720.00
Stichter, Brandon	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	50.00
Weaver, Ralph	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00	0.00	425.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,245.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>-88.00</b>	<b>2,057.50</b>

## WHITESIDE COUNTY REPORT OF PROGRESS

July 7 – August 4, 2010

### I. APPLICATION

See Troy Brown's attached report.

### II. CONTINUOUS CRP (*Henry Sanford*)

Through this program we are getting an increase of conservation being applied to the land. Below is the breakdown of practices for the continuous CRP sign up 37 & 38. The practices are a combination of warm and cool season grass cover, tree planting, grass filter strips, wetland restorations, contour buffers, and grass waterways.

<u>Practices</u>	<u>October 1, 2009</u>	<u>April 1, 2010</u>
Wetland Restoration	17	2
Contour Grass Strip	1	
Filter Strips	32	
Grass Waterways	17	3
Windbreaks	1	
Field Border Strip		1

Other activities are: **National Resources Inventory (NRI) information completed and continued applications for Continuous CRP, EQIP and CSfP.**

### III. ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVE PROGRAM (EQIP) (MARK KAISER)

- 1) 49 practices with 22 producers scheduled to be done in 2009 and 2010, some are carryover practices from 2008 and 2009.
- 2) 16 practices completed, certified, and paid. 3 practices being cancelled.
- 3) Following up with all EQIP contract holders. Forestry contracts are finishing up their scheduled EQIP practices this summer. The others will be working on finishing up what they could not complete last year due to wet weather. Working with Technical Service Providers (TSP's) on livestock confinement contracts. Several practices ready to be certified and paid. Working on contract modifications. One grazing contract being completed, and after several visits, one other grazing contract finally has his pipeline practice underway. Will need a modification. Also working on several waste utilization EQIP practices for review, certification, and approval.

- 4) Whiteside was one of 4 counties in area 4 to receive technical assistance (TA) dollars for 2 EQIP livestock confinement contracts. These funds are used to help the producer reimburse their technical service providers for the cost of design, installation, and check out of the practices. Amount received was \$8,799. Modifications completed to add these funds. Producer is still undecided if he wants to complete practice or request cancellation. Working with his technical service provider (TSP) on cost to complete it.

#### **IV. Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) (Mark Kaiser)**

- 1) We have one application for a permanent easement for \$141,120. Another applicant is pending once he gets his EQIP grazing contract done.
- 2) Illinois had \$817,000 for GRP and it is all allocated. Most of the applicants were in southern Illinois, I believe we had the only GRP application north of Springfield. Illinois did not receive additional GRP funds, so none of our GRP applicants will be funded in FY 2010. GRP applicants do NOT have to reapply for FY 2011 funding consideration.

#### **V. Conservation Stewardship Program (CsTP) (Mark Kaiser)**

- 1) Have been very busy with CStP. Mailed conservation management tool (cmt) to all 13 applicants. Completed cmt reviews with 2 producers, one decided not to participate at this time, and the other was accepted for a CStP contract. Going rate seems to be between \$14 and \$18 per acre. Sign-up is continuous, and there may be a 3<sup>rd</sup> "batching" period for FY 2010 funding consideration.
- 2) Completed quality assurance review on our 1 CStP contract at field and area levels.

#### **VI. INFORMATION (Mark Kaiser)**

- 1) SWCD/NRCS Staff Meeting held Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>.
- 2) Working on farmland conversion impact rating for Kaskaskia Engineering Group, LLC. It is for the 2 alternatives for the ROUTE 30 bypass through Whiteside Co. and around Morrison.
- 3) Bryce Young started as a part time (WAE) NRCS employee, Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. He will work out of the Morrison office and assist Whiteside, Lee, and Bureau counties.
- 4) Progress reporting system (PRS) report attached. Progress is now being reported for the final 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of the federal fiscal year, which ends September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) EWP/WRP 2010 annual contract reviews to be completed by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.
- 6) Have had 4 HEL producers inquire about BioProPower contracts.
- 7) Working with Henry to complete his certified planner documentation.
- 8) Local Work Group (LWG) met Wednesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>. Priority resource concerns ranked, minutes sent to Bob Dean. Reviewed LWG priorities of surrounding counties at BlackHawk RC&D office today, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) ABC workload analysis data entry starts Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> and goes through Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Validation is from Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. I did this analysis in 2006 and it takes a lot of time. Looks like we get to do it again.
- 10) CRP general sign-up started August 2<sup>nd</sup> and goes through the 27<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks). Cropping history is now 4 out of 6 years from 2002 to 2007. Rental rates and more details should be out by tonight's board meeting.
- 11) 2009 National Resources Inventory data collection cancelled for this year.

#### **UPCOMING:**

- 1) August staff meeting Wednesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM.
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- 2) Most of the month will be spent doing EQIP practices for needed modifications, practice completion, and payment. Also doing EQIP follow-up and contract reviews.
- 3) Thomson tillage expo Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM.
- 4) Terry Kerchner is the new NRCS civil engineering technician working out of the Oregon field office starting Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) Wendy and Rhonda to Peoria Wednesday, August 25 to get their NRCS LincPass (security) cards.

Mark Kaiser  
District Conservationist

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Report

Map

Information

Location:  By:

Program:

Period:

Agency:

**Performance Summary - Field Measures**  
**Illinois - None Selected - MORRISON SERVICE CENTER - FY 2010**

Goals data is displayed based on the selected service area for data input, either county or service center.

PRS 6.13

Performance Summary - Field Measures	Fiscal Year Goal	Total Progress	Progress Percent
0.10 - Conservation plans written (Ac.)		7,164	
0.20 - Watershed or area-wide conservation plans developed (No.)			
1.10 - Cropland with conservation applied to improve soil quality (Ac.)	5,000	4,661	93
2.10 - Land with conservation applied to improve water quality (Ac.)		5,262	
2.11 - CNMP written (No.)			
2.12 - CNMP applied (No.)	2		
2.20 - Land with conservation applied to improve irrigation efficiency (Ac.)			
3.11 - Grazing land with conservation applied to protect and improve the resource base (Ac.)	155	161	104
3.21 - Non-Federal land with conservation applied to improve fish and wildlife habitat quality (Ac.)		73	
3.30 - Wetlands created, restored or enhanced (Ac.)	50	38	76
3.40 - Forest land with conservation applied to protect and improve vegetative condition (Ac.)	450	252	56
6.12 - Land and water resources benefitted by RC&D projects (Ac.)			
6.13 - Local businesses created or retained in rural communities (No.)			
6.14 - Jobs created or retained in rural communities (No.)			

# Soil Conservation Technician

## Monthly Report

### Troy Brown

July 1, 2010 – July 28, 2010

#### Major Activities:

- Assisted producers with technical concerns and questions.
- Go over photos and scan information to Brett Gee on EQIP projects before he leaves for new job.
- Holiday 4<sup>th</sup> of July, July 5<sup>th</sup>
- Fix some cost tracking information Sharron Hartzold needed
- Worked a lot on checking cropping history on a lot of waterways for 3 producers before the new CRP sign up and the years change
- Numerous trips by Keith Naftzger to see if any work is being done on the pipeline.
- Meet Steve Hobson in Lee County for an I & E on a very large structure site.
- Emails with Chris West TSP on Max Dails manure line
- Looked at all of Dave Jakobs CRP waterways that washed from recent storms
- In contact with Illinois Highway department about out letting tile onto Garden Plain road. A huge amount of paper work needs to be filled out.

#### Assisted in the field:

D. Koster – EQIP scans  
R. Wiebenga - CRP w/w tile  
K. Naftzger – EQIP tanks and pads  
A. Bush – CRP – w/w  
J. Wiebenga – CRP – w/w tile 10 total  
H. Neese – CRP w/w tile 8 total  
D. Cook – CRP w/w tile  
Lee County Keiffer – CRP w/w tile structure  
L. Gabriel – wetland  
Lee County – CRP sheet pile structure check out  
M. Haak – CRP w/w tile  
D. Stuart – CRP reenrollment  
D. Jakobs – CRP w/w repair  
JD Jackson – CRP w/w tile  
C. Cruse – EQIP – gutters  
M. Dail – EQIP pipeline  
R. Whistler – CRP – tile outlet  
M. Smith – CRP – w/w tile  
P. Harkness – CRP w/w tile

#### Meetings / Training Attended:

Staff meeting – Morrison – 7/21/10

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## RC Board Report July 2010

CPP All of the 08 money is spent and about ¼ of the FY 09 is gone. All of the 09 is obligated as is the FY 10 funds, getting a contractor has been a problem.

SSRP Peterson, Hardin, and Dobbins are all approved waiting for FY 10 funds and final engineer approval.

Seed Picking the SWCD will take over the program with the involvement of the Bureau County business. Spider Wort harvest is complete and Golden Alexanders is proceeding. I have drawn a simple picking agreement for your review at the meeting.

Media we continue to receive donations for the radio program, we have enough money to go over a year once a month. Two shows have been completed; we did receive 2 phone calls during the last show. Wendy was on the Paula Sands show discussing rain barrels as a result we sold several barrels. We are planning another appearance to keep the SWCD name out in front of the public. Two local artists have expressed an interest in painting a barrel for auction.

Contribution Agreement we are about ¾ complete and have drawn up an amendment for your review.

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June 30, 2010  
Wendy Roman  
Administrative Coordinator Whiteside County SWCD

Directors and all concerned,

On July 13<sup>th</sup>, I went to the 4-H fair with Rhonda. It was a very exciting event, and I loved to see all the displays that the kids had made up. It's nice to see young people interested in Natural Resources!

On July 14<sup>th</sup>, Dave hosted the Teacher's Workshop at Bob and Mary Black's. I attended to see what went on and to learn more about what our office does and how it will look in the future. I find it very interesting to listen to Dave and all of his knowledge. Along with the teacher's workshop, Dave and I attended the Paula Sands Show. I talked with Paula on the show about Rain Barrels, taking the barrel that I have been painting on. We had a good response with this show, selling 4 more barrels. I have contacted the producer to try to get on the show in a month or two.

July 19<sup>th</sup> was our 2<sup>nd</sup> radio show. Dave talked with Char Knudten about birds and birding. We have received 4 more checks to sponsor more shows. We currently have about 14 shows sponsored. If anyone knows of any topic that may be beneficial, please let us know. The next show will be on Monday August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 am.

July 21 we had our Staff Meeting.

On July 26 – July 28, I attended the AISWCD Summer Conference. The main thing that I got out of this meeting, was listening to Chad Pregracke of the Living Lands and Waters. He really inspired me. He built his company that he believes in from nothing to something that works, and works very well. After listening to the doom and gloom of money being cut and offices not being able to make it through this tough time, it made me want to work harder to get our office and what we do, out to the general public to help us support the work that we do!

We have a Contribution Agreement that needs signed so we can send back in.

Thank you,

Wendy Roman

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**August Board Report – August 4, 2010**  
**Whiteside County Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Rhonda J. Marshang, Education Coordinator**

I. Programs/ Activities/Publicity & Sponsor Contact Work

1. Conservation Day – No new activity to report.
2. Envirothon – No new activity to report.
3. Poster Contest - I e-mailed Stacy at State Office to make certain 2 extra luncheon tickets (5 total) were ordered for the Yoon family. I made a final contact (phone & mailing) to the Yoon family to make certain they knew luncheon tickets were taken care of & Hilton Hotel reservations made. Whiteside SWCD will receive an invoice covering luncheon tickets (likely after summer conference according to Stacy). I will forward any new news on to the Yoon family before I leave on vacation.
4. Arbor Day – No new activity to report.
5. Photo Contest – Winning photos in all 3 photo contest categories are displayed in the Whiteside SWCD Office. All prizes have been awarded and Wendy plans to send the winners information and pictures to all the regional newspapers soon.
6. 4-H Fair – On July 13<sup>th</sup> Wendy & I judged 4-H projects at the Whiteside County Fairgrounds in the following categories: Natural Resources, Wildlife, Geology, & Forestry. The judging was challenging as there were many very good projects and several more entries than last year (I estimate approx. 30 – 35 projects, nearly 3 times as many as last year).

II. Sponsor Contacts & Publicity

I have written basic form letters to be sent to potential sponsors of our Education Program and a school year follow-up letter typed to send to QCCA. I have created a list of the main highlights of my last calendar year activities at Whiteside SWCD and copied photos of some of the activities of the Education Program over the last year.

QCCA will receive the description of the highlights of the past year, photos, and a letter of appreciation for making a financial contribution to the education program (they were also thanked shortly after I received their donation). Potential sponsors will receive a letter asking them to consider financially supporting our Education Program, highlights of the past year, & photos of education program activities.

I plan to mail the letters and information out over the summer as I complete each packet. Two kinds of sponsors will be targeted - conservation clubs or organizations, and large business corporations. Early in the year I made contact with several conservation clubs after networking to gain their local contact names and addresses. I will offer to visit potential sponsor businesses and organizations in person to answer questions.

III. Special Topics

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1. Computer Equipment Repair – A new printer was purchased for my work station with the check sent to SWCD by Staples covering the cost (my printer was under warranty). It is just like Wendy's so we can use the same ink cartridges. I picked up my computer tower on July 21 after repair by Staple's. The tower is still under warranty until 2012 should I have trouble with it again.

2. Expenses Anticipated:

a) Credit Card Charge for Yoon Family Hilton Hotel stay at Summer Conference (approx. \$227), and 2 more luncheon tickets (\$30) = Total Approx. \$260. These expenses were addressed at last July Board Meeting.

a) Approx. \$ 9 invoice expected from ROE Office for use of laminator.

b) Educator Workshop Costs Anticipated (TBA as decided, cost varies)  
(I would like to attend 1 or 2 educator workshops this fall or summer. I am considering an Aldo Leopold Workshop covering teaching outdoors and/or a prairie workshop via IDNR's Entice Program.

3. Family Vacation: Marshangs will be on a family vacation to Colorado leaving this weekend. I will be off work the week of 7/26 & 8/1 at this time. I plan to be at the 8/4 SWCD Board Meeting.

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