

*Fayette County Soil and Water  
Conservation District Agenda  
January 27, 2011  
9:00 am. Online*

- I. Call to order
  1. Roll Call
- II. Agenda Considerations
- III. Approval of Minutes
  1. December 15, 2010
- IV. Treasurer's Report
- V. Approval of pending bills for January 2011
- VI. Employee Time Sheets
  1. Approval of RC, AC and CC Time Sheets
- VII. Employee Reports - RC, AC and CC
- VIII. NRCS Report – DC
- IX. Old Business
  1. Award pictures for First National Bank of Vandalia - has been tabled until further notice
  2. Board Evaluation Meeting - has been tabled until further notice
- X. New Business
  1. Correspondence:
    - i) Conservation Catchall - Rich Nichols Report - We are hearing that there is some movement within the General Assembly to borrow funds to pay the pension obligations. If that does come about it may free up additional dollars that can then be used to pay general obligations. Those general obligations include FY11 SWCD allocations. We also keep hearing rumors that the General assembly may take up the Governor's income tax increase when they come back in early January. With the change over in both the House and Senate and the loss of some of their majority, the Democrats may be willing to address the state's budget deficit and increase revenues to help reduce the deficit. It will undoubtedly be interesting to see what they decide to do and how they go about getting it done. If the General Assembly gets in the mood to address revenue shortfalls, we will do our best to be sure that districts are represented at that table.
    - ii) Statements of Economic Interest - a preliminary letter was sent to the district requesting information about current directors. Each director will receive the Statement of Economic Interest paperwork to fill out within the next month or so.
    - iii) NACD Dues - NACD is requesting that each district pay \$775 dues. The Fayette County SWCD has not paid NACD dues since 2008 due to low finances.
    - iv) AISWCD Thank You - a thank you letter was received from the AISWCD for paying 4th quarter dues. Fayette County is paid full for FY10.
  2. 2011 Annual Meeting
    - i) John Sanders - The district usually honors an additional person at the annual meeting. This year we thought that since John Sanders had given

so much of his time to assist the SWCD Office and the residences of Fayette County with recycling that it would be nice to honor him.

- ii) Farm Family - Reggie Grandt - The farm family sign was ordered and is in the office ready to be given, the district pays for the sign. The plaque has been ordered; it is paid for and presented by the First National Bank of Vandalia. We could try to schedule the presentation after our next meeting.
- iii) Annual Meeting petition has been approved by IDOA
3. Laptop purchase - Karen has spoke to each of the board members for verbal approval of the purchase but it will have to be approved at a regular board meeting.
4. Tree Sale Update - Tree sales are a little slow at this time but that is normal after the holidays
5. Poster Contest - Tony and Karen are doing the poster contest presentations. The board was originally told at the December Board Meeting that Karen would be doing them, but due to health issues it was decided that Tony and Karen would both do them this year
6. 2012 Farm Family - Everyone needs to be thinking about a possible farm family for the next award period.
7. Tony's Annual Leave - Tony is requesting annual leave for February 11-17, 2011.
8. CREP Update - Please see CREP report for all new information
9. CPP Update – Submitted for one payment

XI. Other

XII. Adjourn

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

##### **February 2010**

- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 21- President's Day - Office Closed
- 22 - Washington's Birthday
- 24 - Board Meeting
- 24 - Karen's Birthday

Mission Statement: The Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District will provide leadership and promote programs that will help preserve and conserve our natural resources and improve the environment.