

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Director's Meeting  
April 23, 2009***

**Directors Present:**

Jake Hortenstine  
Susan Holdeman  
Gale Meseke  
Elizabeth Heinzmann

**Others Present:**

Tony Pals, RC  
Karen Sanders, AC  
Mary Ann Hoeffliger, DC  
Elliot Lagacy, Regional Rep

**Absent:**

Matthew Runge

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the April 23, 2009 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. Absent: Matthew Runge

Agenda considerations were discussed:

1. Thank You for Dues – AISWCD
2. April Regional Rep Report
3. Dry Hydrant – Fire Departments
4. Grant Possibility – White Family Foundation

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Susan moved to approve board meeting minutes from the March 19, 2009 meeting; seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Karen is to find out the amount per person that was taken out of the CPP money to pay employee insurance so that it can be repaid to the programs account from the operations account, to help pay for a construction project. Elizabeth moved to approve the March treasurer's report as printed; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

March pending bills were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Elizabeth, seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

April Pending Bills Total \$2,354.72

- Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$42.31
  - Harmon Market – Board Meeting Snack – \$7.88
  - Wal-Mart – Paper Plates, Plastic Cover- \$7.97
  - Wal-Mart – Envirothon - \$26.46
- Champion Trophies & T's – Envirothon Trophies & T's - \$475.75
- CWC Chemical – Chemical for CP33 – \$420.00
- Carino Nurseries – Tree order - \$1416.66

Elizabeth moved to approve employee time sheets for April; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

Employee Reports:

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file.

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

Elizabeth moved to approve AC and RC reports; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

Mary Ann gave the DC report. Report is on file.

Gale moved to approve DC report; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

#### New Business:

##### Correspondence:

1. Thank You - AISWCD – Thank you for paying the first portion of your dues. We will be getting another dues statement when we get the remaining allocation.
2. Thank You – AISWCD – Thank you for the \$200 donation to the Legislative Committee. It was used to do 3 mailing to the legislators to help boost awareness of SWCD's.
3. Grant possibility – White Foundation – The district wrote 2 grant letters to the White Foundation to help reinstate the education programs that were stopped due to budget issues last year. The Education programs that were listed in the grants were: Nuts about Nature Newsletter, Vandalia Lake Appreciation Day, Conservation Field Day, and Education in Classroom. The grant includes all expenses including mileage. The only programs that need to be reinstated are Nuts about Nature and Education in the Classroom. Discussion was held by the board. The grant was tabled until the next board meeting. Karen will provide the board with a schedule of the education in the classroom presentations that were done during the 2007-2008 school year so they have more information to use to make their motion.

Rain Barrels – The rain barrels that we ordered should be coming in before too long. We received the confirmation invoice to let us know that they will be costing us \$15 instead of \$25. We have sold 10 of the 12 barrels. Karen spoke to Bruce Bowen about painting the 2 barrels that will be donated and he said that the paint will not stick to the barrels because of the material that they are made of, so it won't do any good to paint them. We will have to donate them as is.

Vandalia Lake Day – Scheduled for May 12<sup>th</sup>. Everything is ready to go.

Carlyle Lake “Earth Day” Presentation – Tony did 7 presentations at Carlyle Lake to students on Watersheds.

Farm Family FY10 – After some discussion it was decided that Wollin Farms would be chosen. Tony will confirm and a motion will be made at the next meeting.

Envirothon Update – There were 19 teams at the competition. The 5<sup>th</sup> element was Bio-Diversity in a Changing World. The council winner was Newton. The winner for Fayette County was South Central.

Tree Sale Update – Tree sale is complete. We profited \$556.00. I delivered some remaining trees to a person on my way home but they haven't been paid for yet. They will be paid for in the next week or so.

Scheduling eRecycling Day – The Lincoln Heritage RC & D will bring a trailer to assist with the recycling of electronic items. Most of the items are free except for items like monitors, microwaves, and TV's. Gale moved to approve the eRecycling Day, time and day to be set by Tony and Karen; seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

CP33 – We finally found a person to spray the CP33. As soon as it gets dry we should be able to get it done.

CPP Update – Tony handed out a spreadsheet to the board that showed the current signup for CPP that hasn't already been either turned over to CRP or EQIP. This is just for informational purposes, to show the number and amount of signup that we have to date.

Other business:

Dry hydrants – The board discussed working with the surrounding fire departments to get dry hydrants. The fire departments will contact Tony for further information.

Regional Rep Report April – Elliot Lagacy gave his report. Transect Survey training was held for all employees. IDOA is in the process of taking any FY10 guideline suggestion for CPP that we feel should be incorporated; they should be to Elliot by May 15<sup>th</sup>. The 3rd quarter allocation grants have all been signed and sent back so; we can be looking for that allocation anytime. We don't know what the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter allocation will be yet. The statements of economic interest forms are due to the county clerks of by May 1<sup>st</sup>. The CPP allocation may be increased for Fayette County but we are not sure of this yet. The new Conservation Report is complete and IDOA will notify us when it is available online.

Adjournment - Motion made by Gale, seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Gale Meseke, Secretary