

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
April 24, 2008***

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Gale Meseke
Matthew Runge
Susan Holdeman

Others Present:

Tony Pals, RC
Karen Sanders, AC
Mary Ann Hoeffliger, DC

Absent:

Steve Henna

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the April 24, 2008 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed and are listed below:

Summer Conference Update - AISWCD

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Gale moved to approve Board Meeting Minutes from the March 27, 2008 meeting; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Susan moved to approve the April treasurer's report as printed; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

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

April Pending Bills: Total \$3,389.36

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$83.18

Wal-Mart - Education in school supplies - \$18.15

Wal-Mart - Education in school supplies - \$23.38

Wal-Mart - Education in school supplies - \$4.40

Rural King - 300' Measuring Tape - \$25.99

Wal-Mart - Printer - \$88.88

Wal-Mart - Returned previous purchased printer - {\$124.10}

Harmon Foods - Board Meeting Snack - \$6.48

Wal-Mart - Trees Sale Supplies, Envirothon Supplies, Batteries - \$36.02

Wal-Mart - Water for Envirothon - \$3.98

Ad Works - District Newsletter - \$590.00

AISWCD - Review of Personnel Policy - \$120.00

Carino Nurseries - Tree Sale Order - \$2,212.22

Champion Trophies & T's - Envirothon T Shirts - \$340.00

Quill Corporation - Toner Ink - \$70.99

Quill Corporation - Printer Ink - \$47.97

Quill Corporation - Credit Coupon - {\$75.00}

Susan moved to approve employee time sheets, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Personnel Policy - Karen passed out the revisions that Tony made to the personnel policy, per the suggestions that were made by Karen Steele. Board members took the revision with them along with the original policy to review. Tabled until May board meeting.

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. Invitation to Senator Frank Watson - Directors were made aware of a letter that was sent to inform the senator of why we did not attend the legislative breakfast.
2. Letter from Senator Frank Watson - Thank you letter was read that was received from Senator Watson pertaining to the breakfast.
3. Letter from Farm Bureau - Donation of \$500.00 was sent to us to help pay for the Envirothon T-shirts and to help pay for any additional education programs.
4. Regional Rep Report - CPP deadline is fast approaching, June 30 is the commitment deadline. Transect survey have been canceled this year.
5. IDOA Cost-Share - Jared Thornley replied to the letter that was sent out by Terry Davis from AISWCD on March 28th.
6. Letter - Office of the Lieutenant Governor - Letter in support of releasing the funds to the SWCD's and the U of I Extension.
7. Summer Conference Update - The AISWCD want to know approx. how many directors and employees will be attending the meeting. She has a meeting with the hotel and they are trying to determine the approx. number of meeting rooms and hotel rooms that will be needed.

Vandalia Lake Day Update - May 6th - The board voted not to hold Vandalia Lake Day at the April Board meeting due to finances. But, we had applied for 2 foundation grants at the 1st National Bank before that meeting but not received any notice of approval as of that date. We received funding through the Scarpaci Foundation and the White Foundation. Since we received the funding through the foundations Gale made a motion to move forward with the program, seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Carlyle Lake Day Presentation - April 25th - Tony will be one of the presenters at the Carlyle Lake Earth Day Program. He will be presenting "Watersheds" to about 5 different groups.

Envirothon Update - South Central High School won for Fayette County. Altamont was the over all winner for the Council, so they get to go to state.

Tree Sale Update - We had a profit of about \$425.00. The St. Elmo High School FFA students came and bagged the food plot seed and part of the trees but Tony and I wrapped the remainder.

Farm Family FY09 - Tabled until another meeting.

Finances - Discussion was held: We will get money from CP33 planting and a possible NRCS Grant; we should be able to keep the office open until December 2008. We are to check into Cobra for possible insurance, cost to pay regular insurance, work part-time and get unemployment, or just go until the money runs out or any other options that we think may be a good. What do we want to do as employees since this affects us? Tony and Karen are to take some ideas to the board by the June meeting.

319 Grant Update - We have been waiting on a reply about the grant that we applied for in 2006 and just found out that for some reason it was put on hold and the funds were spent on another grant. So, Tony is waiting for another phone call to find out why we never receive word about the grant being canceled or why the money wasn't sent in the first place.

Employee Reports

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

Susan moved to approve AC and RC reports; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

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

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

Other business:

Meeting times were discussed - we will see about having any evening meeting start at 7:00 p.m. and morning meeting start at 8:00 a.m. Times will be discussed further when Steve is present to verify that he can be present at these times.

Adjournment - Motion made by Gale; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary