

*Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
August 28, 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 August 28, 2008 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. Steve Henna was absent. Tony arrived at 9:15.

Agenda considerations were discussed - Non Disclosure Statement discussion was tabled until next month.

Board meeting minutes were reviewed. Amendments: Let it be known that the board discussed the possible cancellation of the newsletter at that July Board meeting.

Gale moved to approve Board Meeting Minutes from the July 24, 2008 meeting, as corrected; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

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

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

August Pending Bills: Total \$2,728.21

- Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$1,098.21
 - U.S. Post Master - Stamps - \$80.55
 - Rural King - Grease - \$7.16
 - Quill - Printer ink - \$59.98
 - Harmon's IGA - Board Meeting Snack- \$7.08
 - Postal Products Unlimited - \$52.25
 - Bennigans's - Summer Conference Meal - \$92.47
 - Hilton - Summer conference room - \$204.40
 - Hilton - Summer Conference Room - \$203.59
 - Hilton - Summer Conference Room - 190.40
 - Hilton - Credit for Jake's Parking - (-\$14.00)
 - Quill - Printer Ink - \$62.98
 - Quill - Printer Ink - \$69.98
 - U.S. Post Master - Stamps - \$84.00
 - Postal Products Unlimited - (-\$2.63)
- Ad Works - District Newsletter - \$590.00
- Strebel's Sales & Service - 2 Rolls Fabric - \$1,040.00

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

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 Gale. Motion carried.

Mary Ann gave a written DC report. Report is on file.

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

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. Office of the Illinois State Treasurer - Alexi Giannoulis - They have changed the money market and prime fund by combining them into one account. It will hopefully be a better account for the district.
2. State Budget and SWCD Funding - Rich Nichols - Jake sent a copy of the email with each director to read and discuss at the next meeting. The gist of the email was a cut of about 50% of the operations money and all of the employee insurance. The employee insurance is paid through November and after that it is being discussed about the possibility of using CPP money to pay insurance. But nothing is final as of yet. Tony is to get a letter together for the legislators for the number of people we have served, number turned away, etc, as stated in the email.
3. IDOA - Steve Chard - We have \$4, 456.62 in our FY07 CPP money. It is committed and will be spent so it will not have to be sent back.
4. Response from IDOA about employee insurance - Thomas Jennings - Department of Ag is going to pay insurance for the employee's for the Sept. Oct. and Nov. After that we will have to see what happens in the VETO session.

Illinois Water Conference 2008 - Tony may go to Champaign on the 2nd day of the conference. No registration fee needed.

Fayette County Board Finance Committee Update - The District can't tax but the county can tax for the soil and water district. So, Tony brought it up to the county board finance committee that it may be a possibility they could do this for us instead of having us go to them each year and ask for money. The directors want this to be discussed and voted on by them as directors before it is taken back to the county board again.

CP33 Update - Seeding has stopped. We sent out letters for the ones that were not complete due to the wet spring, to let them know that they will be completed next spring.

Kaskaskia River Showcase Update - It was held on August 18th. Jake felt that if you were showcasing the river then you should have showcased the river - not the coal mines. It was attended by about 135 people from various agencies and landowners. Attendees were able to visit the Vandalia Statehouse and Buckstop Archery after the meeting.

Summer Conference Update - Held July 27th - 29th and focused around discussing finding dedicated funding sourcing. Jake informed the directors it was not a bad experience for directors. Everyone should go and see what happens at summer conference so that they can relate when it is being discussed.

Conservation Field Days - September 15th and 16th - It will be held at Vandalia Lake for all the 4th graders in the county

Soil Judging - September 30th - Tony will make arrangements with a local farmer to use his field for the judging.

Karen's Vacation - September 3rd - 5th and September 17th - 22nd - Gale moved to approve Karen's vacation, seconded by Matt. Susan opposed. Motion carried.

Tony's Vacation - September 17th - 19th - Gale moved to approve Tony's vacation, seconded by Matt. Susan opposed. Motion carried.

Cost Cutting Discussion - One of the suggestions that was brought up at summer conference was consolidation of districts, none of the directors at summer conference seems to be in favor of it. After some discussion of different cost-cutting options, Gale moved to cancel the District Newsletter. The final printed newsletter for the year is the

November-December issue. The newsletter will be continued on the website, however, and we are to put articles in various newspapers and on radio stations. Motion seconded by Susan. Motion carried. Thank you letters are to be sent to the sponsors of the newsletter explaining why it has been canceled. "Education in Classroom" classes were discussed. Susan moved to cancel the classes, seconded by Gale. Motion carried. Conservation Field Days - We are to go ahead and hold this since we have the soil tubes and the cost will be minimal.

Annual Plan of Work - Annual Plan of Work was discussed.

CPP Update - FY08 money is committed. FY09 money should be coming but haven't heard anything yet. We are working on 2 waterways and are getting ready to start on a couple more.

The directors spoke for informational reasons between themselves.

Other business:

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary