

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
December 18, 2008***

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Susan Holdeman
Steve Henna
Matthew Runge
Gale Meseke

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the December 18, 2008 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed: Added to Correspondence

1. Central Management Services - Employee Insurance

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Steve moved to approve board meeting minutes from the November 25, 2008 meeting; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

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

December pending bills were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Steve, seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

December Pending Bills: Total \$886.26

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$886.26

Gloria Christian Supply - Envelope Moistener, Stamp - \$18.50

Wal-Mart - Envelopes, Winter Training Stuff - \$16.23

Postal Service - Stamps - \$168.00

Wal-Mart - Index Cards - \$2.91

Postal Service - Stamps - \$84.00

Northfield Inn - Winter Training - \$154.56

Intuit - Refund on Tax - {- \$14.94}

Wal-Mart - Card Stock Paper - \$17.31

Harmon Market - Board Meeting Snack - \$7.80

Quill - Ink - \$177.95

Intuit - QuickBooks Update - \$253.94

Gale moved to approve employee time sheets for November; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Employee Reports:

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file.

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

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

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

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

Old Business:

1. NACD Dues - Steve moved to pay NACD \$250 in Dues for FY09; seconded by Matt. Karen is to mark final on the form so they know that no more will be paid this fiscal year. Motion carried.

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. NRCS Contribution Agreement -
2. Impact to SWCD from governors Arrest - At this time it is too early to determine what the impact will be to our current funding situation. Copy on file.
3. SWCD input on Marketing Plan - In order to explain the email, a copy of complete email is on file. Gale moved to pay AISWCD \$200 for the Marketing Plan, as well as having Tony fill out the questionnaire; seconded by Steve. Motion carried.
4. Regional Rep Report - December 2008 – 2007 TMDL Funds must be spent by December 30, 2008. About 14% of the 2008 money is spent and we have committed most of our 2008 money. There is a Tillage seminar coming up if any director is interested. The BLWR is developing a new program for the 2009 Transect Survey, but it will not be ready for the wheat surveys, so we are supposed to do the wheat survey this fall and then input it when we do the spring survey.
5. Central Management Services - Employee Insurance - a letter was sent to Diane Reed at Central Management Services to inform them that IDOA was intent on paying the insurance for the employees for the entire fiscal year.

Council 10 Meeting Update - Susan Holdeman chaired the meeting in Jake's absence. Rich Nichols gave a presentation on the Marketing Plan. Rep. Ron Stephens was the guest speaker. The next meeting will be July 9, 2009 at 6:00 at Ballard Nature Center, spouses are welcome. At the council 10 meeting it was voted on that each county would donate \$50 to purchase a donation item to go towards the AISWCD auction at summer conference, this will be put on the January agenda to be voted on.

Winter Training Update - The most important meeting that was attended was meeting on Temporarily Suspending Services. A copy of this handout was discussed and given to each of the directors. A copy of this report is on file.

Annual Meeting -

- I. Door Prizes - Most of the door prizes have been gathered and the rest should be done before the end of the year.
- II. Special Awards - we are going to honor Lee Schaal this year. A clock will be bought and engraved for him. Gale moved to purchase the clock; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.
- III. Invocation Updates - Karen spoke to Pastor Roger Grimmett from the 1st United Methodist Church and he agreed to do the invocation.
- IV. Nominating Committee Update - Matt is contacting the other members of the committee. Craig Opfer and Ray Meseke are the other members.

Money Making Ideas - Drainage Surveys - Tony and Karen sent out about 260 letters to the biggest farms in Fayette County and most of the responses were about the same. The equipment will cost a little more than what was expected \$55,900. Everyone that has made a comment said that cost per acre is too high and they would only want the survey for the wet acres - not the whole field. So, if you reduce it to \$25 per acre and average 10 acre field then it would take about 4 or 5 years to get the money back. It probably wouldn't be feasible. Jake suggested a flat rate with a cap on the service.

CPP Update - CPP Payment to Elmer Opfer was made. We have not received any FY09 funds as of yet.

Other business: We are still waiting to here on whether we will have a table at the Home Expo Show.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary