

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
January 19, 2009***

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Susan Holdeman
Matthew Runge
Steve Henna

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Gale Meseke

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the January 19, 2009 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed:

1. Website Renewal – added to other

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Susan moved to approve board meeting minutes from the December 18, 2008 meeting; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

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

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

December Pending Bills: Total \$649.71

- Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$480.43
 - Harmon's IGA – Council 10 Meeting - \$20.39
 - Quill – Printer Ink - \$185.94
 - Harmon IGA – Board Meeting - \$10.79
 - Wal-Mart – Poster Board - \$144.00
 - Successories – Awards for annual meeting - \$82.43
 - Harmon's IGA – Door Prize for Annual Meeting - \$25.00
 - Wal-Mart – Photo Paper - \$11.88
- Ad Works – Annual Meeting Tickets - \$40.00
- Ramsey News Journal – Annual Meeting Ad - \$12.60
- Scioto Sign Co. – Farm Family Sign - \$56.07
- Tallsman of Georgia – Annual Meeting Center Pieces - \$60.61

Steve moved to approve employee time sheets for January; seconded by Matt. 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 Matt. Motion carried.

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. Employee Insurance Update – Insurance is paid through the end of fiscal year 2009.
2. Grant Agreement – 2nd Allocation – We received the contribution agreement for the second allocation of the Operation and CPP money. \$29,993.70 was the amount of the 2nd allocation.
3. Economic Interest Statement – Karen informed the directors that they would each be receiving a statement from the county for their statement of economic interest in the near future. They are to fill it out and get it sent back as soon as possible.
4. New Summer Conference Dates – The dates have been changed to July 22nd, 23rd and 24th.
5. Report for Week of December 29 – January 2nd – The state was able to borrow \$1.4 Billion to help pay up the backlog of outstanding bills. We are not sure how this will affect district but since we are now seeing the contribution agreements reaching the districts it must be helping to get the money to them.
6. New Mileage Rates – The rate has changed several times in the last months and so, just to keep the board up to date on the current rates, the new rate is \$.55. The district is currently paying 50.5¢. The board has decided to continue to pay the same until further notice.

New Director Training – IDOA is planning on holding a training session in either June or July for new directors but the day has not been set as of yet. But employees will keep the directors informed.

NRCS Contribution Agreement – The district has filled out an agreement with NRCS for \$19370.00, of which we get half.

Storage Shed – The shed was not installed with strong enough supporters so the wind bent the pipes beyond straightening. The board decided that we sell the pipe for whatever you can get out of it. The tarp can be used for whatever.

Envirothon Meeting Update – We have a meeting this time of year to set up what everyone will do at the Envirothon. The categories are: Wildlife, Aquatics, Forestry, Soil and the 5th Element this year is Biodiversity in a changing World. Tony is doing the 5th element again this year. The event will be held at Ballard Nature Center in Altamont on April 7th starting at 9:30.

Carlyle Lake Association – Carlyle Lake Association puts out a newsletter 3 or 4 times a year, which we have put together for them in the past. Now they want us to do a mailing for them for the entire watershed. They asked for our Carlyle Lake Watershed Database and Karen has explained that she can not turn over the mailing list to them. So they would like Karen to stuff their envelopes and put on the labels from our database and then mail them. Karen doesn't mind doing the work but only after her regular work is done. Steve moved that a rate of \$15.00 per hour will be charged for Karen's secretarial services when working for organizations other than the Fayette County SWCD, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting -

- I. Agenda – Has been set except for poster contest winners and envirothon logo winner.
- II. Door Prizes – Almost everything is gathered and the rest should be done within the next week or so.
- III. Special Awards – I will pick up the award in the next week.
- IV. Election material – Directors all signed their paperwork.
- V. Nominating Committee Update - Matt has contacted the other members of the committee. Craig Opfer and Ray Meseke are the other members.

CPP Update - We have received our first allocation of FY09 funds.

Other business:

Website update – The website is up for renewal - \$215.81 instead of \$287.00, so we saved \$71.19. It will be included on the March agenda.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary