

**Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
January 25, 2007**

Directors Present:

Gale Meseke

Steve Henna

Dale Jahraus

Kelly Tarter

Jake Hortenstine

Others Present:

Tony Pals, RC

Karen Sanders

Absent:

Mary Ann Hoeffliger

Chairman, Dale Jahraus called the January 25, 2007 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed:

Card for Bill Gradle

Employee reimbursement for office supplies

Board meeting minutes for December 21, 2006 were reviewed.

Kelly made a motion to approve board-meeting minutes for December 21, 2006 meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed.

Gale made motion to approve the January treasurer's report as printed. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

January pending bills were reviewed and a motion to approve was made by Steve. Seconded by Jake. Motion carried.

January Pending Bills: Total \$22,219.54

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$864.99

Wal-Mart:

Camera Batteries, Photo Paper - \$34.58

Refund - <\$4.00>

Poster Board for Contest - \$147.00

Post Office - Stamps - \$365.60

Harmon Market - Board Meeting Snacks, Band aids - \$17.44

Successories - Clocks for Annual Meeting - \$108.10

Quill - Ink and Toner - \$196.27

Truax Drill - New Drill - \$21,052.00

Bluff Equipment - Truax Repairs - \$302.55

Steve made a motion to approve employee time sheets. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

1. Exxon Mobil Pumping Station

- a. A representative called to speak to Tony about information pertaining to the property that Exxon would be working with. A letter was received at the district to confirm the information was received and to thank the district for the assistance. Tony is to check on the fee that could be charged by the district for Natural Resources Inventory.

2. NACD Action Alert

- a. Gale made a motion to approve a letter to be drafted to the legislators to show support for the funding bill. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried. Dale will be in to sign before the annual meeting.
3. Regional Rep Report for January
 - a. A spring workshop will be held February 27, 2007 for directors at the Extension Office in Effingham.
4. Key Legislative Key Contact – Dale will remain as the contact.

Freedom of Information Act – Karen received a version of the FOIA that was discussed by the board. Gale made a motion for Karen to prepare the new version with the district information for the board review at the March meeting. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

CPESC- Gale made a motion for Tony to attend the training. Tony is to receive mileage, per diem and hotel paid for by the district. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Poster Contest Judging – Judging will be held on February 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Eco-System Partnership Meeting – There were about 10 people attending the meeting. The C-2000 program will sunset in 2009, the funding for the program is not looking to good. It was suggested that there would be CREP on the Kaskaskia River in 2007.

Zell Farm Update – Land that is located in St. Elmo that was deeded to IDOA by Mrs. Rhoades. It consists of 120 acres in Fayette County and 160 located in Effingham County. The SWCD is working with Effingham County to figure out what can be done with the ground to be able to use as an education site. We are looking at possibly using the 501C3 permit from Post Oak Flats RC & D.

White Farm Grants – They are asking Tony to write grants for them. Dale stated that with Tony's workload it would not be feasible for him to add anything further at this time.

Possible Volunteers – Lacey Perkins wants to volunteer for the district during the school year and the summer. NRCS is to have her sign the paperwork for a volunteer. Gale made a motion that Lacey be allowed to work in the office under the NRCS volunteer policy until the end of the school year and then be evaluated. Seconded by Jake. Motion carried.

Disability Insurance - A survey was filled out to participate in the possible disability insurance policy. The district will consider paying the premium when contract time comes, if not the employees will pay themselves. Kelly made a motion to approve the district paying for disability insurance, if approved at contract time. More discussion may be held later. Seconded by Jake. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting Preparations:

1. Nominating Committee Report
 - a. Kelly has the committee together; members will be Ray Meseke and James Hardimon.
2. Special Awards
 - a. Clocks for Dean Black, Kim and Bob Hammel were viewed.
 - b. Directors were selected to distribute the awards to the awardees.
 - c. Door Prize List - Door prize list were given to board members
 - d. Guests will be introduced by Nelson. Tony and Mary Ann will speak about projects in the county. Presentation is to last about 30 minute's.

Tony's Vacation – Tony will be on vacation between March 2 - 8. Gale made a motion to approve. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Annual Plan of Work

Tony reviewed the Annual Plan of Work. Discussions of activities for February and March.

CPP - Update

Regular CPP money is spent

Bond money still in the account is approx. \$19,000

Average cost list was discussed. Kelly made a motion to approve the Average Cost List. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Employee Reports

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

Gale made a motion to approve. Seconded by Jake. Motion carried

DC report - paper copy submitted. Report is on file.

Jake made a motion to approve. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Executive Session for discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of personnel.

No discussion, no action taken.

Other business:

1. RC & D Board Representative - Brien Guy was nominated by Steve. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.
2. Brownstown Agronomy Station. - There will be 2 centers shut down and combine others to make 5 new ones in the state. It was brought to the knowledge of the University of Illinois that if the Brownstown Agronomy Center is closed then the ground will revert back to the Fayette County Farm Bureau. Gale made a motion to send a letter to Frank Watson and The University of Illinois to show a letter of support. Seconded by Steve. Opposed - Jake. Motion carried.
3. Chairman made an inquiry into AC making IAAP cookbooks. AC provided statement that IAAP members provided the paper needed for the books.

Motion to adjourn was made by Gale. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary