

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

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Susan Holdeman
Matthew Runge
Elizabeth Heinzmann

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Gale Meseke

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the March 19, 2009 meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed:

1. FY10 Proposed State Budget
2. Contribution Agreement – Nancy Phalen
3. Rain Barrels for Eco-Systems – Randy Holbrook

RC & D Board Representative – John Schuler gave a brief update on the RC & D and what it does.

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Susan moved to approve board meeting minutes from the January 29, 2009 meeting; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

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

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

February Pending Bills Total \$520.02

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$328.36

NACD – Placemats for Annual Meeting – \$31.50

GoDaddy.com – Host renewal - \$215.81

Lorenzos Pizza – Poster Judging Lunch - \$56.95

Harmon's IGA – Board Meeting Snack – 7.80

U.S Postal Service – Stamps - \$16.30

Champion Trophies & T's – Annual Meeting Awards - \$95.00

Office Products – Binder Report Clips – \$16.00

Quill – Printer Ink - \$80.66

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

March Pending Bills: Total \$163.62

- Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$148.62
 - Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting Plants - \$6.00
 - Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting Plants - \$60.00
 - Wal-Mart – Potting Soil - \$2.97
 - U. S. Postal Service – Stamps - \$55.80
 - Wal-Mart – Duct Tape - 3.97
 - GoDaddy.com – Domain Name Renewal - \$15.38
 - U. S. Postal Service – Stamps - \$4.50
- Ramsey News Journal – FFA Sponsor - \$15.00

Elizabeth moved to approve employee time sheets for March; 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.

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

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. FY08 Audit approval letter – Illinois Dept of Ag. – We received our letter from IDOA that states our FY08 audit was approved by the state.
2. Deposit of 2nd allocation for Operations & CPP Funding – In the Operations Account we had \$29,993.00 and in the CPP Account \$4979.00
3. Regional Rep Report – February 2009 – A reminder that all directors must fill out the Economic Interest Forms. We will do a Transect Survey again this year, Tony and Karen will go for transect survey training in Effingham on March 26th.
4. Report for week February 23-27, 2009 – Rich Nichols – Mr. Jennings commented that there is a possibility that there will be a consolidation of district staff and offices at a meeting. But there is no need to argue about it until there is something to argue about. There may be more information later.
5. FY10 Proposed State Budget – The proposed state budget shows a 3% increase to districts, plus about \$10 Million in cost share. Of course this is just a proposed budget so we will see what happens closer to budget talks.
6. Contribution Agreements – Nancy Phalen – The board had to sign a letter that states, “Tony Pals is allowed to sign as a district representative”.
7. Rain Barrels for Eco-Systems – Randy Holbrook – The Eco-Systems are going to be able to purchase rain barrels at a cost of \$25. We will be able to sell them for \$50. They will be made by Danville Correctional Center. Matthew moved to purchase 12 Rain Barrels, with 1 being donated to Community Garden and 1 donated to Main Street; seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

ICCI Verifications – Tony was asked to do the verification on about 2700 acres by AISWCD. There were approximately 30 tracts. The district will be paid \$20 an hour and .55cents per mile for his time.

Envirothon Meeting – Envirothon is being held on April 7th. The 5th element this year is Biodiversity in a Changing World, Tony will be the presenter for this element. There will be about 120 students at Ballard Nature Center in Altamont.

AISWCD Dues – The dues for FY09 so far are \$1043.50. Matthew moved to pay the AISWCD dues; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Annual Meeting -

- I. Review of annual meeting – The annual meeting was considered good. We will still hold another one next year.
- II. Election material – Directors signed their paperwork.

CPP Update - We have received our second allocation of FY09 funds. We found out that we have been put in tier 3 on the allocation level due to the contractor not sending out bills last year. So, now we have to get back up to tier 1 so that we can get a larger allocation.

Other business:

RC & D Representative – Susan Holdeman will be the representative during the summer months and Matthew Runge will be the representative during the winter months (November – March). Elizabeth moved that Matthew be the representative and Susan will be the proxy in his absence. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Matthew to go into closed session to discuss appointments employment, discipline, compensation, performance or dismissal of personnel at 10:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Matthew to go back into open session at 10:25 a.m.

A motion was made by Susan and seconded by Matthew to approve the minutes of the closed session at 10:26 a.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary