

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
March 22, 2007***

Directors Present:

Gale Meseke
Steve Henna
Dale Jahraus
Kelly Tarter
Jake Hortenstine

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman, Dale Jahraus called the March 22, 2007 meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed: None suggested

Board meeting minutes for January 25, 2007 were reviewed.

Kelly made a motion to approve board-meeting minutes for January 25, 2007 meeting minutes. Seconded by Steve. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. We received our 3rd allocation from IDOA - \$21,495.68.

Steve made motion to approve the February and March treasurer's reports as printed. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

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

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

February Pending Bills: Total \$ 5,091.90

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$470.51

Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting - \$45.36

Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting - \$13.85

The Depot - Door prize from Burtschi Bro. - \$25.00

Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting - \$4.97

The Depot - Eco-System Partnership Lunch - \$31.31

Wal-Mart - Recorder, Tapes, Office Stuff - \$45.34

Wal-Mart – Batteries - \$10.72

Harmon Market – Education in classroom - \$4.40

Quill – Easel Pad - \$88.47

NACD – Activity Books for Poster Contest - \$62.94

Oriental Trading – Annual Meeting Decorations - \$90.65

NACD – Bookmarks – \$47.50

Ad Works - District Newsletter - \$540.00

Quill Corporation - Tri-Pod Screen, Printer Ink, \$75.00 Coupon - \$154.97

Scioto Signs - Farm Family Sign - \$48.42

Effingham SWCD - CP33 Chemical = \$3,878.00

March Pending Bills: Total \$ 1,193.48

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$213.48

Sam's – Photo Paper - \$21.39

Wal-Mart – Legislative Basket - \$18.00

Wal-Mart - Cd's - \$4.94

Wal-Mart - Education in classroom, office supplies - \$30.05

Something Special - Annual Meeting - \$27.76

Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting - \$8.36

Wal-Mart - Annual Meeting - \$15.55

Wal-Mart – Annual Meeting - \$38.40

Quill – Printer Ink- \$69.98

Wal-Mart - Returns - \$20.95

Ad Works - District Newsletter - \$550.00

Champion Trophies and T's - Envirothon T-shirts, Poster Contest Trophies - \$380.00

Post Oak Flats - Dues - \$50.00

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

Old Business:

1. Fee for Natural Resources Investigation - Tony and Karen are to get a list of services that the district performs for customers and an idea of what to charge for each. Tabled until April Board meeting.
2. Account for Equipment - Discussion was held about setting up an account for the equipment income and expense. Steve made a motion to open a savings account that will have the income from equipment. This account will include: Truax Drill, Filter Fabric, Fabric Plow, Root Plow and any other equipment that will be rented for income. Seconded by Jake. Motion carried.
3. Storage for New Drill - Dale was discussing the possibility of purchasing a tarp, or small building to store or cover the equipment. Gale offered the district a canvas storage area that he has, for no charge. Karen is to check with Lester's about putting it on the lot by the office. Report back at the April Meeting. If Lester's allows us to put the storage area up, and Gale is going to donate the storage area then Dale suggests that we hire someone to put it up.

New Business:

Correspondence:

- (a) FY2008 Appropriations - Illinois CTA
 - (i) Letter from NACD about the funding possibilities that are being discussed by the Legislators.
- (b) Myron Products -
 - (i) Ink Pen - Karen is to get the price for the April Meeting
 - (ii) Calendars for 2008 - \$2.89 each - Not what they want, like last years better
 - (iii) Calculators - \$2.89 each - no don't want

Annual Meeting Discussion:

1. Review of Annual Meeting - Meeting was discussed. Everyone thought it was good.
2. Annual Meeting Election forms - Directors signed all forms to complete the election process

Legislative Day Update - The day was held on March 21, 2007. Fayette County SWCD gave 3 baskets to the legislators. It was a good day with lots of information given to the legislators.

Photo ID's - AISWCD is making photo ID's for each employee and directors.

New Truax Drill Contract - The rental price of the new drill will be \$8.00. Everyone will be charged \$50 when it is picked up. We will return the deposit to the customer if the drill is returned clean and without damage. A statement will be added to the contract that states "This is our drill please treat it as such". Gale made a motion to approve the new contract. Seconded by Kelly. Motion carried.

Zell Farm Meeting Update - We have had 3 meeting since the last board meeting. An executive meeting and 2 subcommittee meetings. Tony was elected chairman of the executive committee. Each of the subcommittee meetings was held to discuss the possibilities of the land. It was decided to put up fencing first to help protect the land from trespassing. There have been at least 3 new pumping wells on the property since we walked it last summer.

CRP Seeding Update - There were about 300 acres of seed ordered for the CP33's and the CRP33rd signup. There were letters sent to the landowners to verify that we are to either do just the seed order or seed order, chemical order and planting of the seed.

CPESC Test - Tony took the test but hasn't heard the results yet.

Volunteer Update - Lacey Perkins has been volunteering in the office after school. She is presently loosing some of her hours at Rural King and wants to work at the office this summer, with pay. Karen and Tony are to put together a spreadsheet to show the job duties and cost of hiring her for the April board meeting.

Karen Sick - Karen had an allergic reaction to some anti-biotic and went into anaphylactic shock but is recovering now. More tests will be done but nothing too sever right now.

Annual Plan of Work

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

Tree sale update - Sales are going well. Some of the tree quantities have been cut down. St. Elmo FFA has volunteered to wrap the trees for us. If they are in school.

Envirothon - Will be held on April 12th. Tony will give the presentation for the 5th element which is Renewable Energy. It will be held at Ballard Nature Center in Altamont.

CPP - Update

- Dale Williams is not going to do his terraces (\$15,000), we were using bond money for this job. We actually have until June 30 of 2008 to use the money and we shouldn't have any problem spending it.

Memorandum of Understanding - Mary Ann went over the memorandum of understanding between NRCS and SWCD. The first understanding was signed in 1944. The latest contract is divided into 2 parts - A Mutual Agreement and A Working Agreement that is signed by the State Conservationist.

Employee Reports

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

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

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

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

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

No Action taken

Other business:

Adjournment - Motion made by Kelly. Seconded by Steve.
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary