

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
March 27, 2008***

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Gale Meseke
Steve Henna
Susan Holdeman
Mathew Runge

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the March 27, 2008 meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed and are listed below:

Chairman Letter - Rich Nichols
Chairman Letter Clarification - Rich Nichols

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Gale moved to approve Board Meeting Minutes from the January 24, 2007 meeting; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

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

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

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February Pending Bills: Total \$1,321.08

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$598.89
National Pen - Calendars- \$83.91
Oriental Trading - Earth Day Erasers and Annual Meeting Decorations - \$119.15
Successories - Awards - \$57.98
Wal-Mart - Education in Classroom - \$32.24
Wal-Mart - Education in Classroom, Annual Meeting Decoration - \$31.70
Wal-Mart - Keyboard - \$51.76
Pizza Hut - Board Meeting Meal - \$68.54
Harmon Foods - Board Meeting Snack - \$6.48
Wal-Mart - Annual Meeting Decoration - \$22.03
Kaskaskia Supply & Rental - Education in Classroom - \$3.73
Wal-Mart - Annual Meeting Decoration - \$15.31
Wal-Mart - Annual Meeting Decoration - 127.87
Wal-Mart - Paper Shredder - \$47.28
Wal-Mart - Return Paper Shredder - {\$-47.28}
Wal-Mart - Return Keyboard and decoration from annual meeting - {\$-21.81}
Ad Works - District Newsletter - \$590.00
Champion Trophies & T's - Soil Judging Plaque Engraved, New Envirothon Plaque - \$54.19
Champion Trophies & T's - Farm Family Plaque, Poster Contest Trophies - \$58.50
Ramsey New-Journey - Annual Meeting Ad - \$19.50

March Pending Bills: Total \$ 1,479.11

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$1,090.20

Wal-Mart - Poster board - \$156.00

Harmon's - Board Meeting snack - \$6.48

Wal-Mart - RW-CD's - \$9.74

Wal-Mart - Education in classroom supplies - \$9.94

Postmaster - Stamps - \$398.20

Wal-Mart - Office Supplies- \$14.56

Successories - Awards for annual meeting - \$141.02

NACD - Bookmarks for Arbor Day - \$86.00

Caplugs - Tubes for Conservation Field Days - \$268.26

Ad Works - Annual Meeting Tickets - \$30.00

Ad Works - Envelopes - \$275.00

National Pen Company - Calendars - \$83.91

Steve moved to approve employee time sheets; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Personnel Policy - We received a letter from Karen Steele in response to our request for clarification on Personnel Policies. The letter was read to the board members and a copy of the letter is on file. Tony will update our personnel policy to reflect the changes and return them to the board at the April meeting for approval.

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. Mileage Rate Increase - The IRS is now at 50.5 cent per mile and we are presently at 48.5 cent per mile. Susan made a motion in increase the mileage rate to 50.5; second by Matt. Motion carried.
2. Regional Rep Report for March 2008 - Reminder for the size of trees that we are allowed to sell and that they are only for conservation purposes.
3. Key Legislative Contact - Gale Meseke will be the Legislative Contact
4. Quarterly Board Highlights - Director Hartke retired and there is a new director. It is Tom Jennings. Summer Conference has been set for July 28th and 29th.
5. Letter from Bill Gradle - Support letter for SWCD
6. AISWCD Awards Program - Several of the awards have been removed from the Summer Conference Program due to allocation shortage but they will be added back if the allocation is reinstated.
7. Legislative Update - March 3, 2008 - The FY09 budget shows level funding for the budget but since we haven't seen any of the money this year will we see any of the money next year?

New Director Training Update - Susan gave an update of the director training.

Council 10 Meeting will be held on July 17th. - Fayette County will be taking over for 2 years as the chairman county. Jake will chair the meetings.

Annual meeting update - We had about 80 people attend. We ended up losing about \$465.00 this year mostly because of the weather. It was discussed whether to continue having a meeting in the future and it was decided that it should be held due to the number of people that still attend.

Envirothon will be held on April 8th at the Ballard Nature Center

Finances - At the end of March we have about \$53,000 dollars in the Operations Account to run the office. Some of the income that will be coming in this year will be approx. \$11,000 for CP33 seeding,

Truax Drill use \$6,000, Tree Sales \$500 plus anything else that we can get funding for. The possibility of the district being responsible for paying the health insurance premium after June was brought up. So it was discussed whether to cut hours and keep employment longer or should we stay fulltime and go until funds run out. Tony and Karen both said that for now they would rather stay fulltime with health insurance. The newsletter will only be published on the website from now on to save money. Annual Leave also has to be considered when the final closing date is possibly set.

CPP Update - Still have FY07 Money which is committed. Contractor did the work and then went to Tennessee but never sent bills and now he thought it was too late. But he will now send the bill.

Annual Plan of Work - Activities for April are started.

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 Steve. Motion carried.

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

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

Other business:

Meeting times - April, May, Sept. & Oct would be evening meetings @ 7:00 p.m. Other months would be morning meetings @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment - Motion made by Gale; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary