

*Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
May 22, 2008*

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Gale Meseke
Matthew Runge
Susan Holdeman
Steve Henna

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the May 22, 2008 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed - none were presented.

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Gale moved to approve Board Meeting Minutes from the April 24, 2008 meeting; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

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

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

May Pending Bills: Total \$1,432.82

 Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$297.35

 Napa - Tape for Tree Sale - \$7.56

 Pizza Hut - Lunch (FFA Students that bagged food plot seed) - \$27.72

 Wal-Mart - Gift Card (Administrative Professional Day) - \$30.00

 Harmon's IGA - Board Meeting Snack - \$6.48

 Postmaster - Stamps - \$123.00

 Wal-Mart - Vandalia Lake Day - \$58.15

 Wal-Mart - Vandalia Lake Day - \$32.09

 Harmon's IGA- Vandalia Lake Day - \$12.35

 AISWCD - Disability Insurance - \$103.97

 Champion Trophies & T's - \$615.25

 Strebel's Sales & Service - \$416.25

Steve moved to approve employee time sheets, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Employee Reports

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

Susan moved to approve AC and RC reports; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business:

1. Personnel Policy - Gale made a motion to approve the revised edition of the personnel policy, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

2. Farm Family FY09 - Tony suggested that we honor Jim Hardimon. Gale made a motion to approve the nomination, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. IL Dept of Natural Resources - Field Borders for Clean Water Grant - We applied for an EPA-319 Grant and a C2000 Grant to put field borders around areas in Vandalia Lake Watershed. We received the C2000 grant about 2 years ago and have been waiting for the EPA grant, but we just found out that we are not going to get the EPA grant so we had to return the grant funds for the C2000 grant which amounted to \$25,870.72.
2. Conservation Catchall - Tony informed the board that according to the projected FY09 finances listed in the state budget the district are holding steady for the next fiscal year.

Employee Association Dues - The employee association changed the bylaws to require that the dues be paid at the beginning of the calendar year so that they would be able to set a budget for the year. The dues are \$10.00 per employee and \$10.00 for the board to be an associate member, as in the past, for a total of \$30.00. Steve made a motion to pay the employee association dues, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Karen's vacation - Karen is requesting to take a vacation approximately June 19th thru June 24th. Susan made a motion to approve, seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

Vandalia Lake Day Update - May 6th - The day was great, nice weather. Vandalia Leader-Union did a front page article on the day. Ramsey High School Science Class had 22 kids that attended to video tape the day for a grant that they had received, plus they assisted the 6th grade teachers with their students. Everything went really well.

CP33 Update - Quail Unlimited is trying to get about 800 acres seeded with one 8 ft. drill. They have about 120 acres done as of now. The seeding deadline is suppose to be June 15th but we will probably still seed it after that since the germination goes down so much if you use that seed next year. The weather has been so wet that they couldn't get in the fields to get it done.

NRCS Contribution Agreement - We received another contribution agreement for about \$14,787.50.

Summer Conference - Paperwork has been filled out and submitted for hotels and voting delegates. No meals will be reserved for anyone.

Finances - Jake signed the grant agreement. The original agreement Jake signed was incorrect, they didn't include the RC Social Security. But it was included in the deposit that we received.

Annual Meeting Speaker - We will have Birds of Prey for the entertainment on February 19, 2009. Karen will call and make the arrangements. Gale made a motion to approve, seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

CPP Update - We have \$22,500 cost-share available to spend. Tony gave the board a spreadsheet of all the signup to date, to show them an estimate of how much money we have signup for as of now. He will get a final copy to the board next month for approval.

Other business: Susan made a motion to make all board meetings to 8 a.m. on the 4th Thursday of the month, seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary