

*Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Director's Meeting  
May 28, 2009*

**Directors Present:**

Jake Hortenstine  
Susan Holdeman  
Gale Meseke  
Elizabeth Heinzmann  
Matthew Runge

**Others Present:**

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

**Absent:**

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the May 28, 2009 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken.

Agenda considerations were discussed:

1. Conservation Survey – AISWCD – Added to Correspondence
2. Purchase of Copier – Added to Other
3. Truax Repairs – Added to regular agenda

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Elizabeth moved to approve board meeting minutes from the April 23, 2009 meeting; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

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

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

May Pending Bills Total \$773.61

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$434.61

Harmon Market – Watershed Display supplies – \$4.19

Los Amigos – AC Day Gift - \$30.00

S & W Supermarket – Board Meeting Snack - \$11.16

Associated Bag – Food Plot seed bags - \$91.42

Wal-Mart – Storage Box and Picture Reprint - \$4.66

Quill – Printer ink - \$120.97

Quill – Printer Ink - \$82.06

United State Postal Service – Letters Mailed and Stamps - \$90.15

Champion Trophies & T's – Envirothon Plaque Engraved - \$6.00

Correctional Industries – Rain Barrels – \$180.00

Ad Works – Letter Head - \$153.00

Elizabeth moved to approve employee time sheets for Matt; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Employee Reports:

Tony gave the RC report. Report on file.

Karen gave the AC report. Report is on file.

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

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

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

Old Business:

1. Education in Classroom Grant – White Foundation – The board discussed Karen doing education in the classroom. Gale Meseke moved to approve Karen continuing the education in classroom presentation, seconded by Liz.

Matthew called for discussion on the motion. Matthew moved to amend the motion to allow Karen to do no more than eight presentations per month, seconded by Gale.

A roll call vote was taken on the amendment:

Matthew Runge	yes
Gale Meseke	yes
Elizabeth Heinzmann	yes
Susan Holdeman	no
Jake Hortenstine	yes

A roll call vote was taken on the amended motion:

Matthew Runge	yes
Gale Meseke	yes
Elizabeth Heinzmann	yes
Susan Holdeman	no
Jake Hortenstine	yes

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. Insurance Committee Meeting – Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act employees that have involuntarily lost employment and their health care coverage will be allowed to receive Cobra coverage at reduced rates for 9 months. The remainder of the 18 months they will be allowed to have Cobra coverage at the full rate. Therefore, if a district lays off or fires an employee before December 31, 2009 and that employee wishes to take Cobra coverage the district will be responsible for paying the entire cobra premium to the AISWCD and collecting the employees 35%. The district can then request reimbursement or credit for the 65% payment from the federal government.
2. AISWCD Donor Patio Brick Fundraiser – The board is not interested in purchasing
3. Conservation Survey – Despite the difficult times in Illinois a recent poll shows support for conservation efforts. A total of 79% of the voters surveyed voiced support for dedicating \$350 million in a state capital budget for conservation, and the support cuts across all major parts of the electorate. The poll was released by Partners for Parks and Wildlife, a coalition of conservation organizations seeking support for increasing the state funding for land conservation. The poll consisted of 600 voters from May 12-14, 2009

Rain Barrels Update – The rain barrels have been picked up and delivered to the people that ordered them. Karen is going to check with the Correctional Center to see if we will be able to order more barrels. If we can order more then we will advertise it on the website and in the local newspaper and on the radio station to see if we can sell more of them.

Vandalia Lake Day Update – The day was really nice. It was probably one of the only nice days that we had in May. Presenters included: EPA, Extension, ACOE, SWCD's, 2 students from the SAVE Club, and Ken Gotsch, NRCS Soil Scientist did the soils presentation at noon.

Farm Family FY10 – Wollin Farms was chosen as the FY10 Farm Family. Gale moved to approve Wollin Farms as Farm Family, seconded by Liz. Motion carried.

eRecycling Day Update – It has been set up for June 10-13. Tony and Karen will run it the first day and volunteers have been set up for the remainder of days.

Summer Conference – Karen handed out draft agendas. Jake will be voting delegate with Liz alternate. Auction item ideas were discussed – Matt moved to allow Karen to spend up to \$50 on an auction item, seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

Registration Forms – All the registrations have been made.

Hotels Registration – All the reservations have been made.

Annual Meeting Speaker – Matt is going to check to see if his uncle (he is a crop and soil scientist) would like to speak.

CP33 – It had gotten a little hectic. The sprayer tried to back out, but, since we have a contract with him he is still going to continue. With all of the rain that we have had, however, we are not getting a whole lot done.

Other business:

Purchase of Copier – The copier that Karen uses in the office is making a really bad noise and is about to quit. So, Karen is asking the board for permission to purchase a new copier for the office. Liz moved to spend up to \$600 on the purchase a new copier when the existing copier quits, seconded by Matt. Motion carried

Truax Repairs – The person that used the drill the first time this year had to replace a hose on the drill because he let it drag all the way back to the office and it was cut in half. So, the board suggested that we put a statement in the contract that states “Don't loan it out to anyone else”.

Adjournment - Motion made by Matt, seconded by Elizabeth. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

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Gale Meseke, Secretary