

***Fayette County Soil and Water Conservation District
Director's Meeting
November 25, 2008***

Directors Present:

Jake Hortenstine
Susan Holdeman
Steve Henna
Matthew Runge
Gale Meseke

Others Present:

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

Absent:

Chairman, Jake Hortenstine called the November 25, 2008 meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. Steve Henna was absent.

Agenda considerations were discussed: Added to Correspondence

1. Letter from Frank Watson
2. Letter to Governor from Rich Nichols

Added to Other Business:

1. Home & Life Style Expo

Board meeting minutes were reviewed.

Susan moved to approve board meeting minutes from the October 21, 2008 meeting; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Karen will review why there is a negative in the accounts receivable, CPP Payments, Inventory Assets, and Payroll Liabilities and report at the December meeting. Gale moved to approve the November treasurer's report as printed; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

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

November Pending Bills: Total \$393.16

Credit Card Charges/Credits - \$393.16

National Pen - Calendars - \$101.96

Postal Service - Stamps - \$162.32

Forestry Supply - Flags - \$76.50

National Pen - Calendar Set-Up - \$19.90

Wal-Mart - Soil Judging Gift Card - \$25.00

Harmon Market - Board Meeting Snack - \$7.48

Gale moved to approve employee time sheets for November; seconded by Susan. 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.

Steve Henna and Elizabeth Heinzman arrived.

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

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

Old Business:

Non Disclosure Statement - Jake brought in a statement. A non disclosure state is only viable for a person that is over the age of 18, anyone under the age of 18 can not sign any contract. Karen will put in policy folder and will update and print as needed. Steve made a motion to approve; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

County Board Proposal - Property Taxing - Tony discussed the possibility further with a county board member and the board really doesn't want to raise property tax if not necessary. Matter is tabled until further notice.

New Business:

Correspondence:

1. Grant Agreement 1st Allocation - We received the 1st allocation \$4,789.61.
2. NACD Dues - Tabled until December
3. Conservation Field Days Evaluations - Board members reviewed the evaluations from the field days.
4. Agricultural Areas 2008 Annual Report - Tony informed the board that the report had been filled out for the IDOA stating that no ground had went into the agricultural areas in Fayette County.
5. Letter from Frank Watson - The governor has taken action on Senate Bill 1103 but we are still waiting to see if the Soil and Water Conservation District will be spared. You are urged to continue to pressure the Governor to provide funding. A copy is on file with the minutes.
6. Rich Nichols letter to Governor - Rich wrote a letter of support to the Governor and forwarded a copy to the districts. A copy if on file with the minutes.

Employee Health Insurance - The employee insurance committee and several others met to discuss the employee insurance. Director Jennings informed the committee that IDOA would cover the employee insurance for the remainder of the fiscal year using the Partner for Conservation Funds.

Winter Training -

1. Expenses - Room - \$68.00 per night, Per Diem \$6.50 per quarter day, Mileage - 180 miles per person. Total cost should not exceed \$600.00. Gale made a motion to pay expenses for winter training; seconded by Steve. Motion carried.
2. Door Prize Donation - Steve made a motion to pay up to \$20.00 for door prizes; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

Soil Judging - Thank You Gift Card - A \$25.00 TGI Friday Gift Card was purchased for Judge Schwarm. A motion was made by Matt; seconded by Susan. Motion carried.

Council 10 Meeting - December 11, 2008 - The Council 10 Meeting will be held at Ballard Nature Center in Altamont beginning with registration at 9:00. A meal will follow. Rep. Ron Stephens is supposed to be there to speak.

Karen's Medical Leave - January - Karen is asking for 2 weeks off beginning January 2nd for surgery on her foot. Susan made a motion to approve; seconded by Matt. Motion carried.

January Meeting Date - Tony asked if the meeting date should be changed so that we can hold the meeting and the poster judging at the same time. Susan made a motion to approve changing the meeting date to January 29th; seconded by Gale.

Annual Meeting -

- I. Ticket Prices - Ticket prices will be changed to: Adults \$10 and Children \$6 (ages 4-8), under 3 Free. Susan made a motion to approve tickets prices; seconded by Gale. Motion carried.

- II. Nominating Committee - Matt Runge, Ray Meseke, and Craig Opfer.
- III. Signature Stamp - Karen will go to Gloria's Christian Supply and purchase a stamp with Jake's signature on it for the letters.
- IV. Invocation - Karen is to go to the 1st United Methodist church and talk to the new preacher about giving the invocation.
- V. Introduction of Guests - Nelson Torbeck will be invited to the annual meeting and will introduce the guests
- VI. Conservation Accomplishment - Mary Ann would prefer not to do the Conservation Accomplishments

Money Making Idea's - Drainage Surveys - We would have to purchase the equipment to do the surveys. We are talking about \$40,000 worth of equipment such as: GPS, Plotter, Four Wheeler, Trailer, Truck, and a Computer. We are still talking about how much to charge for the surveys but we thought about \$40 an acre. But before we started we will send out a survey to the producers to see if they would be interested in having a survey done on their fields. This equipment would also allow us to do pond survey and designs that we could charge for.

CPP Update - We have about \$15,510 left in CPP which will be spent in plenty of time.

Other business: We received a letter to inviting us to the Home & Lifestyle Expo. Booths are \$250 each but Karen spoke to Joanna Helm about getting a booth at no cost. She is to find out before the next meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Gale Meseke, Secretary