

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, August 10, 2011

Next meeting WEDNESDAY, September 14 AT 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Tony Krager called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Directors: Ken Suslee, Carl Bergman, Dave Pastrovich and Tony Krager

Associate Directors: Dennis Hand

Staff: Dave Hobson, Melissa Cauble and Kris Reynolds

Absent:

Directors: Dave Schluckebier

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons, Brad Young, Dan Huber, and Dan Eickhoff

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. No changes or additions were noted.

Financial Statements and Approval of Bills: The board reviewed the financial statements. A copy of those statements is on file with these minutes in the SWCD office. No changes or corrections were noted.

Melissa then presented the bills for payment.

Dave Pastrovich made a motion to approve the minutes, the financial statements and payment of the bills presented.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Staff Reports: All employees presented written reports which are filed as part of these minutes.

Ken Suslee made a motion to accept the reports as presented.

2nd by: Carl Bergman

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: Chairman Krager stated he had spoken with someone at the county level about their share in the insurance liability and that they were to get back to him on the subject.

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris reported the following items:

1. Mike Vandenberg project was complete.
2. He had sent in a request for FY 2012 for \$120,000 of cost share money
3. Kris stated there was still interest in the program and that he was still accepting applications for the FY 2012

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: no report

CREP: Melissa asked the board to approve purchase of computer equipment which was to be reimbursed by IDNR with CREP funds. She stated the need for a new computer, monitor and scanner totaling \$1,992.80. She also informed the board that she had spoken with surrounding counties and was following the proper procedures for obtaining equipment which was approved by the NRCS ITS and would be ordered from the approved Blanket Purchase Agreement catalog. **Ken Suslee made a motion to have Melissa order the approved equipment for a total of \$1,992.80.**

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Budget and Insurance Issues: Kris discussed the board's support for the Senate Bill 744 which is currently awaiting passage in Springfield. This bill would allow expansion of gaming in Illinois and revenue would be dedicated toward several Ag related groups, including SWCDs. He encouraged the directors to take a moment call or write the governor's office to urge his support.

Contribution Agreement: Kris asked Chairman Krager for his signature on an amendment to the current agreement which would add an additional \$21,982.00 to the current agreement. He stated that would bring the year's total to about \$47,000.00 and that work would need to be completed by December 31, 2011.

Summer Conference: Dave took a few minutes to review the resolutions which were voted on at the Annual Business Meeting during the conference. The board was also asked to complete a survey of what it thinks the AISWCD's immediate and long term goals should be. The surveys were completed and Melissa was to compile them and submit them to the AISWCD by August 12.

Employee Evaluations: The board spent some time before the meeting to go over the evaluations and to set the new employment contracts. Details will be discussed and the contracts signed at the September meeting.

Audit: Melissa informed the board that the audit was set to begin August 7 at the office.

NEW BUSINESS

Prevailing Wage Ordinance: Kris explained to the board that more information was gained at Summer Conference about the ordinance and how it affects the district activities. He also presented a form to the board which details the contractor's specific responsibilities as they take on "public works" projects. Kris intends to give the contractor a copy of the form and have them sign it during the pre-construction meeting. Dave Pastrovich made a motion to approve the contractor's form for Prevailing Wages.

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Employee Time Sheets: Carl Bergman made a motion to approve the time sheets as presented.

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: To be held Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: At 10:00 a.m. Carl Bergman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date