

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes February 8, 2010

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday February 8, 2010. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Brian Grob, Alan Wissmiller and Erich Schott, Associate Directors Larry Kirchner and John Settle, Conservation District Manager Rich Howell, Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and District Conservationist Bob Gotkowski. Absent were Director Dave Peters, Associate Directors Charlie Cyr and Alex Panozzo. Guests in attendance were Hannah Wissmiller and Morgan O'Connor.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Schott made and Grob seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed four to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of January 11, 2010 Board Meeting: Schott made and Grob seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed four to zero.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approval of Time and Travel: Grob made and Schott seconded a motion to approve the time and travel reports. Motion passed four to zero.

Approval of Financial Report: Grob mad and Schott seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion passed four to zero.

Approval of Bills: Wissmiller made and Grob seconded a motion to approve the paying of bills with the addition of a bill for the upcoming drainage district meeting. Motion passed four to zero.

CORRESPONDENCE: Included were a letter of invitation to the Iroquois County SWCD annual meeting, an email from Bob Themer of the Daily Journal explaining how he is handling the publishing of the award winners from the annual meeting and a copy of a letter sent to District Chairmen from NRCS regarding the imposed computer seat costs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erosion & Sediment Control Service Update – Howell stated that there have not been any permits in February as yet and January was slow.

NRI Approval – None at this time.

RC & D – Howell stated that the February 11th meeting has been postponed until March 11th.

Wind farm Update – Howell stated that he had talked to Delbert at the County and there is no hint of activity in Kankakee County.

Forest Preserve Project/Gar Creek – Nothing.

FY10 Funding – Howell stated that there has not been any FY10 operations money received yet. Insurance premium has been paid in full for FY10. O'Connor stated that he wants to have a financial committee meeting before the March meeting to review the budget and look ahead at the FY11 budget. March 4th at 7:30 am was tentatively scheduled, Howell will email Peters and check his availability and confirm the date.

Computer Support Fee – Howell stated that one computer will come off the system and he will respond to the letter letting NRCS know the decision the District has made. He stated that there has been a lot of communication going back and forth among Districts about whether the RC or the AC computer should be the one removed.

Annual Meeting – Howell stated that the annual meeting went well. He would have liked to have had more in attendance. The speaker, Paul Vicari, LRMG gave a good presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Spring Workshop – Howell stated that the Spring Workshop has been cancelled.

LUC Meeting – Howell stated that the next LUC meeting is set for March 4th in LaSalle County. The meeting was to have been held after the Spring Workshop and had to be rescheduled when workshop was cancelled.

Kid's day at the Farm – Howell stated that Kids Day is March 17th & 18th. Volunteers are needed; the 18th appears to be the busiest day so more volunteers are needed for that day.

External Drive & Flash Drive Purchase – Howell stated that he has purchased an external hard drive and a flash drive for the District to back up the computers.

FOIA Officer – Wissmiller made and Schott seconded a motion to appoint Howell as the District FOIA officer. Motion passed four to zero.

Drainage District Meeting – The Drainage District meeting is February 18th, 9:30am – 12:00pm at the Quality Inn. Discussion was held on the District's role in the meeting. Consensus is for the District not to appear as an enforcer but continue as being helpful.

Annual Plan of Work Committee Report – O'Connor stated that the committee had met about 2 weeks ago; they made some revisions and changes and will be meeting again to continue as they prepare for FY11.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Howell stated that he didn't have anything beyond his written report other than he will be taking off Thursday afternoon to take his wife to Champaign to the doctor.

AC REPORT – AC Settle stated that the dates for the spring tree and fish sale have been set.

DC REPORT – Gotkowski stated that he had passed out his written report and if anyone had any questions he would be glad to answer. He also stated that recons have started coming over from FSA and hopes that AC Settle will be able to do them at some time to keep current on them.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

The next regular District Board meeting will be March 8, 2010 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Grob made and Schott seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed four to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.