

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes February 14, 2011

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday February 14, 2011. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Brian Grob, Alan Wissmiller and Erich Schott, Associate Director John Settle, Conservation District Manager Rich Howell and Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle. Absent were Director Dave Peters, Associate Directors Larry Kirchner, Charlie Cyr and Alex Panozzo. Guests in attendance were Shannon Settle and Hannah Wissmiller.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of January 10, 2011 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 made 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 as presented. Motion passed four to zero.

CORRESPONDENCE: Included was a letter from the AISWCD and Mass Mutual Financial Group about Long Term Care insurance that is being made available to association members, a letter from IDOA/BLWR informing the Board that the FY10 FMP was acceptable, a copy of an email from the County Clerk stating that the Economic Interest Statements will be sent via email, the authorization from IDOA to hold the election at the annual meeting, an invitation from Iroquois County SWCD to their annual meeting, a flyer informing about the "Growing Cover Crops" seminar being held on February 23rd, and a copy of the memorandum that came with the FY11 grant agreement explaining additions/changes for this agreement.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erosion & Sediment Control Service Update – Howell stated that there has been nothing since the last board meeting.

NRI Approval – Howell stated that an NRI for 2 lots on Diversatech has been received. Howell recommends that a no effect letter be sent with a partial fee refund of \$215. Wissmiller made

and Schott seconded a motion to send a no effect letter and the partial fee refund of \$215. Motion passed four to zero.

RC & D – Howell stated that the focus is on working with local food groups. He also stated that they are having trouble getting a quorum for meetings and the group may end soon until funding is received for staff and projects.

Windfarm Update – Howell stated that there is nothing new.

Annual Meeting – Howell stated that the meeting went well. He liked the speakers but was disappointed that there had been nothing in the paper as yet about the Teacher of the Year or the speaker from the Nature Conservancy. Discussion was held on changing the date of the meeting to the first Thursday of February in 2012 due to conflicts with other events. Consensus was that next year's meeting will be February 2nd.

Wireless Internet Options for Laptop – AC Settle presented additional information on wireless options for the laptop in the office. Decision was made to table the discussion until March to allow Director Peters to be included in the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ero Tex Ground Control Conference – Howell asked for and was granted permission to attend a ground control conference on March 15th.

Potential CREP Computer Equipment Purchase – Howell stated that the District has an agreement with IDNR that includes the District being able to purchase a new computer. Howell stated that a CREP mailing will be done for land owners along the creeks in the north end of the county. AC Settle will be developing a mailing list for this.

Mailing List Update Program – Howell stated that a copy of a letter that is going to be sent to everyone on the newsletter mailing list was included in the binders. This idea was taken from another SWCD and is being sent to everyone with a self addressed stamped envelope to be returned to us with the preference of the person marked for receipt of their mailings. If no response is received they will be removed from the mailing list.

LUC Meeting, March 3 – Howell stated that the LUC meeting will be held on March 3rd, 6 PM at Brickstone in Bourbonnais.

Annual Plan of Work Update – Discussion was held on a meeting date for the annual plan of work committee. The committee will meet March 8th at 7:30 am in the conference room.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Howell stated that he will be on vacation beginning Friday, February 18th. The Pond Workshop will be February 15th at the Extension office. Howell also stated that he celebrated his 20th anniversary with the SWCD on February 4th.

AC REPORT – AC Settle had nothing additional.

DC REPORT – German was not present at the meeting. Her report was included in the packets sent prior to the meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

The next regular District Board meeting will be March 14, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Grob made and Schott seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed four to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.