

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes January 10, 2011

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday January 10, 2011. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Brian Grob and Dave Peters, Associate Directors John Settle and Larry Kirchner, Conservation District Manager Rich Howell, Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and District Conservationist Kelly German. Associate Director Alex Panozzo arrived at 6:43. Absent were Directors Alan Wissmiller and Erich Schott and Associate Director Charlie Cyr. Guests in attendance were Ed Brown, FSA Executive Director, Kelsey O'Connor and Evan O'Connor.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Grob made and Peters seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of tree sale under old business. Motion passed three to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of December 13, 2010 Board Meeting: Peters made and Grob seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed three to zero.

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

Approval of Financial Report: Peters made and Grob seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion passed three to zero.

Approval of Bills: Grob made and Peters seconded a motion to approve the paying of bills as presented. Motion passed three to zero.

CORRESPONDENCE: Included was a letter from Debi Slade on behalf of the ISWCDEA congratulating the District on AC Settle having received her 5 year award at Winter Training and a request from NACD for dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

NRI Approval – Howell stated that there have not been any NRI's.

RC & D – Howell stated that the December meeting was snowed out. The next meeting will be a conference call on January 13th.

Windfarm Update – Howell stated that there is nothing new.

Annual Meeting – Howell stated that he is struggling to get a speaker. District Conservationist Kelly German has agreed to speak for a few minutes introducing herself and talking about NRCS. Discussion was held and a suggestion was made to contact Kevin Culver with Aqua IL to also speak. Howell reminded the board that the annual meeting will be February 10th at Quality Inn with registration beginning at 7 AM.

Tree Sale – Howell stated that the tree sale is not a big money maker for the District and asked the board's opinion about continuing it. The consensus was to hold the spring sale as there was not a fall sale. Howell stated that the sale would be April 29th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Wireless Internet Options for Laptop – AC Settle stated that she had included in the binders all of the options for the wireless internet that she had researched. Discussion was held and AC Settle was asked to do more research into Verizon for possible connection using her cell phone as the modem. She is also to check into DSL through AT & T using existing phone lines in the building.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Howell stated again that the annual meeting will be February 10th. He also stated that the pond seminar will be February 15th, 6:00 pm at the Extension office, Kids Day at the Farm will be March 16th & 17th and the Envirothon will be April 14th in Seneca.

AC REPORT – AC Settle had nothing additional.

DC REPORT – German stated that the CSP signup had been extended until January 21st.

Ed Brown – Ed stated that there will be another general sign up although there have been no dates set as yet. He also stated that DCP signup is underway with a June 1st deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

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

Grob made and Peters seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.