

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes June 21, 2010

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday June 21, 2010. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Alan Wissmiller, and Brian Grob, Associate Directors Larry Kirchner and John Settle, Conservation District Manager Rich Howell, Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and Acting District Conservationist Ken Towles. Absent were Directors Dave Peters and Erich Schott, Associate Directors Charlie Cyr and Alex Panozzo. Guests in attendance were Ed Brown, FSA Executive Director, Bob Gotkowski, Retired District Conservationist, Jim Cavanaugh, Morgan O'Connor and Hannah Wissmiller.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wissmiller made and Grob seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a public comment session. Motion passed three to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Self introductions were made from everyone at the meeting for those in attendance who were new. O'Connor asked Mr. Cavanaugh what it was he would like to know from the District. Mr. Cavanaugh stated that he wanted to know what the District did and if they could possibly help with the drainage problem in his neighborhood. Explanations of what the District does were given and discussion was held on the drainage issue in Mr. Cavanaugh's neighborhood as well as some other areas in the county.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of April 12, 2010 Board Meeting: Wissmiller 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: Grob made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the time and travel reports. Motion passed three to zero.

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: Included were an invitation to the Celebration of Agriculture event at the Farmers Market that will also include a Local Foods Breakfast, and email with information on the Summer Conference to be held July 26 – 28, 2010, a thank you from Extension for Howell's help with the Natural Resources day at Camp Shaw, a flyer about the prairie walk being hosted by the Ford County SWCD and an email from Mark Bramstedt asking for volunteers for the "Scientist at the Field" program.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erosion & Sediment Control Service Update – Howell stated that it has been fairly slow in the county although he did have someone in today that had applied for a building permit. He stated

there are also problem with developers not keeping the silt fences up until the sites are stabilized. An explanation of this program was given for Mr. Cavanaugh.

NRI Approval – Howell stated that we did not have any NRI's for approval at this time. The last one was in May for property that had been Pilot Battery and was being rezoned for new owners. A no objection letter was sent. An explanation of this program was given for Mr. Cavanaugh

RC & D – Howell stated that the next meeting will be July 8th at the Extension office at 5:00 PM.

Windfarm Update – Howell stated that it has been quiet, no news from anyone on this project.

FY10 Funding – Howell stated that the District has not received any money as yet. All of the contracts are signed and everything is in the comptroller's office waiting for the money to be released. No idea of when that will be.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Committee Meeting Date, Annual Plan of Work Meeting Date – A meeting date was set for June 28th at 7:00 am for the budget committee and the Annual Plan of Work committee.

Personnel Committee Meeting Date – The date for this meeting was put on hold until after the budget committee and annual plan of work meeting.

Tree Sale Recap – AC Settle stated that she had included the spread sheet from the tree sale in the binder. The District did make a small profit.

Fish Sale Recap – AC Settle stated that this spread sheet was also included in the binder. The fish sale was better than the tree sale as it usually is for the District.

Celebration of Ag Breakfast Sponsorship – Discussion was held on the Ag Breakfast. Howell stated that if anyone wanted tickets to let him know. O'Connor informed our guests that one of the District's Associate Directors cooks the breakfast and it is with food grown locally.

AISWCD Annual Meeting – Howell stated that the summer conference/annual meeting will be July 26-28 with registration due July 1st. Wissmiller made and Grob seconded a motion for O'Connor to be the delegate for the District. Motion passed. The resolutions being presented at the meeting were read. Wissmiller made and Grob seconded a motion to have O'Connor use his best judgment the day of the meeting to vote on the resolutions. Motion passed.

Virus Scan for Laptop – AC Settle stated that the laptop needs to have an updated virus scan. QuickBooks is now on the laptop and with it connecting to the internet at times for updates a virus protection is needed. Grob made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to purchase a virus scan program for the laptop. Motion passed three to zero.

Computer Issues – Howell stated that his computer has a hard drive problem. He would like to have Peters check it out and see if it can be determined what happened then decide what to do. Consensus was to have Peters check it out. Howell also stated that the District would like to gift

Gotkowski with the IPAC that is in his office for his retirement. Grob made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to gift Gotkowski the IPAC. Motion passed three to zero.

August Meeting Reschedule – The August meeting was rescheduled to August 23rd due to schedule conflicts.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

Ed Brown – Ed stated that a general CRP sign up has been promised. Training is to be this month but there is not any money for training. He was asked if he had heard anything about the building but he said he doesn't expect to hear until October at the earliest.

RC REPORT – Howell stated that there are CPP dollars to be obligated by June 30th. He said he has spent a lot of time the last 10 days answering calls and question about drainage issues. Rich Fielding from Upcycle Products gave a presentation at the Farmers Market about rain barrels and composting. There were some sold at the Farmers Market and District will make a small profit from the sales. Howell and O'Connor talked a little about the Cover Crop meeting they attended at the Heartland Community College in Normal. The speakers were very good and EQIP money is available for cover crop. Howell and O'Connor also stated that the next LUC meeting will be September 2nd and the District is hosting it. O'Connor is trying to set something up at his farm for a cover crop demonstration for that meeting.

AC REPORT – Nothing.

DC REPORT – Towles stated that he has been doing compliance reviews on the county committee members. He also stated that it is a continuous sign up for EQIP and CSP has a June 25th deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

The next regular District Board meeting will be July 12, 2010 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Grob made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.