

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes June 20, 2011

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday, June 20, 2011. Vice Chairman Brian Grob called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present were Directors Brian Grob, Alan Wissmiller, Dave Peters and Erich Schott, Associate Director Larry Kirchner, Conservation District Manager Rich Howell, Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and FSA Executive Director Ed Brown. Absent were Director Jeff O'Connor, Associate Directors John Settle, Charlie Cyr and Alex Panozzo, District Conservationist Kelly German. Guest in attendance was Hannah Wissmiller.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of April 11, 2011 Board Meeting: Schott made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed four to zero.

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

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

Approval of Bills: Peters made and Schott seconded a motion to approve the paying of bills including the dues payment to the AISWCD. Motion passed three to zero. Wissmiller abstained.

CORRESPONDENCE: Included were an announcement about the Illiana Expressway, a letter about the Local Foods Breakfast at the Farmers Market on June 25th and a request from NACD for dues.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erosion & Sediment Control Service Update – Howell stated that there were five applications in May and 3 in June to date. He commented that things are picking up slowly.

NRI Approval – A request for an NRI on 20 acres with a house that needs to have 10 acres sold. The 10 acres will return to A-1 zoning. Recommendation is to send a no effect letter with a partial fee refund. Wissmiller made and Peters seconded the motion to send the no effect letter along with the partial refund. Motion passed four to zero.

RC & D – Howell stated that the RC & D is looking for a new mailing address. NRCS has stated that they are not supporting RC & D's any longer therefore the NRCS addresses cannot be used for RC & D mailings.

Windfarm Update – Howell stated that everything seems to be in a holding pattern.

IRAP – Howell stated that he had participated in a 2 hour conference call about the IRAP program. There is still a lot of discussion on how it will all work out but for now the District does have a contribution agreement with DNR for staff time spent on this program.

Fish Sale Recap – AC Settle stated that a spreadsheet was included in the binders showing the sales and the outcome of the sale.

Tree Sale Recap – AC Settle stated that there was also a spreadsheet in the binders for this sale. She stated that there have been a lot of requests on the returned survey letters for the tree sale information so maybe we will have a better sale in the fall.

AISWCD Dues – The motion to pay the AISWCD dues owed at this time was made with the motion to approve the payment of the bills.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tillage Survey Recap - Howell stated that he and Joe Bybee had completed 95% of the survey on June 2nd and he finished it on June 7th.

Summer Conference Fees – Howell stated that he is required to pay the registration fee for Summer Conference to be able to take the CPESC session. Wissmiller made and Peters seconded a motion to pay the registration fee. Motion passed four to zero.

LUC – Howell stated that was no meeting on June 2nd.

Resolutions – Howell stated that there are a couple of resolutions being voted on at Summer Conference. There will not be a delegate to vote on our behalf unless someone is able to go but he believes they will pass.

Prevailing Wage Act – Howell stated that the District has to pass a prevailing wage ordinance to be in compliance with the Department of Labor. Peters made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to adopt the prevailing wage ordinance and have the legal notice put in the paper. Motion passed three to one with Schott voting no.

Training Needs Inventory – Howell stated that he has 5 or 6 courses that he would like to take. Wissmiller made and Peters seconded a motion to approve Howell's TNI. Motion passed four to zero.

McAfee Renewal – AC Settle stated that it is time to renew the virus scan on the laptop. It can be renewed at \$39.99 for the year. Peters made and Schott seconded a motion to renew the virus scan at \$39.99. Motion passed four to zero.

Budget Committee – Discussion was held on possible dates and times. It will be on July 6th or 7th at 9:00 am following the personnel committee meeting.

Personnel Committee – Discussion was held on possible dates and times. The meeting will be on July 6th or 7th at 7:30 am.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Howell stated that he has approved a well sealing in the Union Hill area. He also stated that the Envirothon raised money to help pay expenses this year and there netted more money than expenses. The Districts only Envirothon expense this year will be the \$100 donation made to the Illinois Envirothon. Howell also stated that the River Roundtable is still meeting.

AC REPORT – AC Settle stated that she had renewed the QuickBooks payroll subscription that included an upgrade for less than the cost of the original renewal. She also told those who did not know that she had started working at the Kankakee County Clerk's office full time. She will be doing the District work in the evenings.

DC REPORT – Not in attendance.

FSA REPORT – CED Brown stated that there were 5 people that showed in interest in the general sign up for CRP but only 3 completed the paperwork. All 3 were accepted. There are 30 CRP contracts set to expire in September and most of them are renewing. He also stated that there will be a joint conservation meeting July 20th at 7 pm being held at the Extension office. FSA, NRCS and SWCD will be participating. Today is the last day for planting beans and July 15th is the last day to report acreage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

The next regular District Board meeting will be July 11, 2011 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Wissmiller made and Schott seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed four to zero. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.