

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, July 8, 2009, 4:00 p.m.**

**Next meeting to be held Tuesday, August 11, 2009 beginning
with Budget and Employee Contracts Reviews at 8:00 a.m.**

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Tony Krager called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. Roll call was as follows:

Present:

Directors: Dave Pastrovich, Ken Suslee, Carl Bergman, and Tony Krager

Associate Directors: Dick Lyons

Staff: Kris Reynolds, Dave Hobson, CJ Liddell and Melissa Cauble

Absent:

Directors: Dave Schluckebier

Associate Directors: Dan Eickhoff, Dan Huber, Dennis Hand and Brad Young

Minutes of the Previous Meeting: The board reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. No changes or additions were noted.

Financial Statements and Approval of Bills: The board reviewed the financial statements. A copy of those statements is on file with these minutes in the SWCD office. No changes or corrections were noted.

Melissa then presented the bills for payment. Melissa informed the board she had received the bill for the fourth quarter installment of AISWCD dues. She also reviewed the other bills which were presented for payment. The checks were signed by Dave Pastrovich and Melissa Cauble. **Dave Pastrovich made a motion to approve paying the final installment of the FY 09 Dues to the AISWCD, as well as the financial statements and other bills presented and to approve the minutes of the June 2009 board meeting.**

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Staff Reports: All employees presented written reports which are filed as part of these minutes. **Ken Suslee made a motion to accept the reports as presented.**

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Natural Area Guardians Report: Kris reported that the group had not had a meeting recently, but that they did hold their summer field day at the Hillsboro Aquatics and Fitness center. He also reported the group is keeping in close contact with those working on the Kee Trail project.

OLD BUSINESS

C-2000 Programs: Kris began by reporting the district would be receiving about \$16,000 for the final allocation for FY 09. He then stated he was able to move the special projects money from well-sealing into regular CPP.

Kris then stated he learned the district would be receiving approximately \$11,000 for work on a Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Program dollars for a project on the Robert Ernst farm. Kris then asked for approval of a well-sealing project for JoAnn Graden. **Ken Suslee made a motion to approve the application**

2nd by: Carl Bergman

Carried: Yes

Next, Kris asked the board to amend a contract on KEM Farms, Inc. He stated the difference was due to different materials being used. Therefore, the project came in under the expected cost. **Ken Suslee made a motion to amend the contract on KEM Farms Inc.**

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Kris then asked to board to approve a funding request for FY 2010 CPP. After some discussion, the board and staff agreed it would be feasible to ask for \$120,000.00 for the year.

CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.: CJ reported that FSA had moved the deadline for CRP extensions to August 1. He reported the office had already received several applications which needed planning done.

Under EQIP, CJ reported there were three applications accepted recently and he was developing contracts on them.

Referring to CSP, CJ stated the rumor is that it is going to be coming to our area soon.

Under CREP, the state and federal side both received funding in the new budget, but no word has been received as to where it will go. SWCD Chairman Tony Krager signed the annual agreement to share a CREP Assistant with Christian and Shelby counties.

Budget and Insurance Issues: Melissa reported that word had been received from the Dept of Ag that they would continue to pay for our health insurance using program funds until December, 2009.

She then stated that SWCD's operations were funded at only about 70% of level funding in the budget recently passed by the Governor. There is hope that a supplemental budget in the fall would restore the cuts to districts.

Contribution Agreement: Kris asked the board to sign a request for payment from NRCS in the approximate amount of \$8,000. The Chairman signed the request.

Equipment Report: Kris reported the equipment was not as busy as we would have liked, but the weather was mostly to blame. He then stated a flat tire on the Phillips Harrow had been repaired by Lee's Tire.

Summer Conference: Melissa reviewed the upcoming resolutions and reminded the directors of the dates for the conferences.

NEW BUSINESS

Audit Confirmation: Melissa presented a letter of confirmation to the board from the offices of Lively, Mathias and Hooper, LLC. They stated their intent to do our annual audit during the week of September 7 at a cost of \$2,200.00. **Dave Pastrovich made a motion to sign the letter of intent and to pay the \$2,200.00 fee.**

2nd by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

Set Date for Employee Evaluations: The board agreed to do the evaluations and the budget immediately before the start of the next board meeting.

Purchase of Plat Book Ad: Melissa informed the board she had been approached by Rockford Map Co. to purchase an ad in their 2009 Plat Book. The cost of an ad similar to previous publications was \$225.00 for a 1/8 inch ad. **Ken Suslee made a motion to purchase the ad for \$225.00.**

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Employee Time Sheets: Carl Bergman made a motion to approve the time sheets as presented.

2nd by: Dave Pastrovich

Carried: Yes

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Montgomery County SWCD will be held Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at 8:00 a.m.

Adjourn: At 6:20 p.m. Dave Pastrovich made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2nd by: Carl Bergman

Carried: Yes

Signed:

Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

Date