

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday November 18, 2009**

**Next meeting Wednesday, December 9 at 9:00 a.m.**

The Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular monthly board meeting on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Hillsboro, Illinois. Chairman Tony Krager called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. Roll call was as follows:

**Present:**

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

**Associate Directors:** Dick Lyons and Dan Eickhoff

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

**Absent:**

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

**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. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting, the financial statements, and payment of the bills presented.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dave Pastrovich**

**Carried: Yes**

The checks were signed by Dave Pastrovich and Melissa Cauble.

**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.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Carl Bergman**

**Carried: Yes**

**Natural Area Guardians Report:** Kris reported that he had attended the NAG meeting on October 14. he stated they group had discussed items such as: the Old Rt. 66 prairie preservation project, writing grants for seed and herbicides to control Teasel in the county, the Hillsboro Area Hospital walking trail, Eagle Zinc site cleanup, and monitoring the progress n the Kee Trail. The group also reported they are updating their brochure.

The board had several questions for Kris about the progress and status of the Kee trail. Kris suggested the board meet with the NAG group to get those questions answered fully. Therefore, Kris was to arrange for the group to attend the December meeting in order to clarify a few issues.

## OLD BUSINESS

**C-2000 Programs:** Kris took a few moments to discuss the status of the pots of money he is currently overseeing. He began with FY 2008 money by stating he only had \$6, 939.00 left to spend before June 30, 2010. Kris does anticipate getting all of that money spent in a timely manner.

Next, Kris reported on FY 2009 money by saying he had \$66,367.00 left to spend. He said he had approved projects for Jannsen, Murphy, Engelhart, Lemon, and Folkerts and he had accepted well sealing applications from Graden, Tarter, Swick, and Kirby. He also stated he had six projects left to survey for FY 09.

Kris then stated he had approximately 28 applications ready to prioritize for 2010 with 7 new applicants being among them.

Finally, Kris presented an amendment to a contract on Engelhart for approval. **Dave Schluckebier made a motion to amend the dollar amount on the contract for Hank Engelhart.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ken Suslee**

**Carried: Yes**

**CRP, EQIP, CSP, Etc.:** CJ reported the following items on federal programs:

CRP: application numbers in the continuous signup were down just a bit and the money for maintenance on most continuous CRP practices had been eliminated.

EQIP: CJ was still taking applications, but no batching date had been announced at that time. He also stated he and Dave were working on managing old EQIP contracts as per the NRCS national office.

CSP: CJ stated he had assisted producers with completing ten applications, though only five had been ranked at that time.

**Budget and Insurance Issues:** Kris and Melissa advised the board that it is rumored NRCS will no longer pay for two network connections for district employees. This means the districts will have to pay the \$3,000.00 fee for the extra networked computer, or find a way to get by with one computer. They reported that the Association was to write letters to Washington and Champaign explaining the financial hardship this would cause the districts.

**Contribution Agreement:** Kris asked the Chairman to sign his request for re-imbusement in the amount of \$4,785.00. Chairman Krager signed the request and Kris was to forward it to the state office.

**Equipment Report:** Kris reported doing some minor repairs to the Tommy Silt Fence Plow.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Job Training Program:** CJ asked the board to consider participating in the program. He stated there would be no cost to the district and it would be a good opportunity to help a local young person. The board agreed to participate in the Job Training Program.

**CMS Resolution:** Melissa informed the board that it had been several years since we renewed our paperwork and that it is something we should do. The board agreed and the Chairman signed all necessary paperwork.

**Annual Meeting/Elections:** Melissa reminded the board that it was again time to plan the annual meeting and elections. The board set the date for January 14 (**Which was later changed to January 12 due to a scheduling conflict**) at 6:30 p.m. The board discussed possible speakers and asked Melissa to order pens again this year.

**Christmas Party:** The board selected December 8 as the date for its annual Christmas Party. It is to be held at the Hillsboro Country Club at 6:00 p.m.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Dave Schluckebier

Carried: Yes

**Next Meeting:** To be held Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourn:** At 11:50 a.m. Carl Bergman made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

2<sup>nd</sup> by: Ken Suslee

Carried: Yes

**Signed:**

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Dave Schluckebier, Sec/Treas

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Date