

**PIATT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2010

Chairman, Bruce Stoddard called the monthly Board Meeting, of the Piatt County Soil and Water Conservation District, to order at 7:00 p. m. on April 20, 2010. The meeting was held at the USDA Building, Conference Room in Monticello, IL. Those present were:

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Chairman, Bruce Stoddard, Bill Meyer and Loyd Wax

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Dylan Gallagher

DIRECTORS & ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ARRIVING LATE:

None

DIRECTORS & ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Vice Chairman, John Beckhart and Sec-Treas, Derrick Bruhn; Associate Directors Kurt Robson and Doug Gucker

NRCS PERSONNEL:

District Conservationist, Michelle Lewis

DISTRICT PERSONNEL:

Terre Zeigler, CREP Assistant
Jonathon Manuel, Resource Conservationist,
Phyllis Muse, Adm. Coordinator,

MINUTES:

Chairman, Bruce Stoddard asked if there were any additions or corrections to the March, 2010 Board meeting minutes. There being no further additions or corrections to the minutes, The Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Bill Meyer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Loyd Wax. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report and Bank Statements for March, 2010.

Motion made by Bill Meyer to accept the Treasurer's report & bank statements as presented. Motion seconded by Loyd Wax. Motion carried.

Derrick will be in to sign the Bank Statements for March.

OLD BUSINESS:

District's Sales Update:

Phyllis reported on the District's Sales as follows:

Fish – sold \$2,174.45- Expenses of \$1,829.65 = Profit of \$344.80
Rain Barrels – sold \$ 535.00- Expenses of \$308.00 = Profit of \$227.00
Tree Sale - sold \$3,464.75 –Expenses of \$2,208.56 = Profit of \$ 1,256.19
Plat Books - sold \$8,365.00 –Expenses of \$8,692.00 = Minus \$327.00. Need to sell 10 more books to break even. Then the rest of the sales will be profit.

LUC 6 Envirothon Update:

The LUC 6 Envirothon was held on April 7 at Weldon Springs State Park near Clinton, IL. There were eleven teams that participated from the schools in the LUC 6 area.

Monticello's team # 1 took first place and Monticello's # 2 team took 8th place overall. PBL (Paxton/Buckley/Loda) took second place and Cerro Gordo took 3rd place.

Total expenses for the Envirothon were \$1,426.47. This will be split between the Counties that participated in the Envirothon. Piatt County should be reimbursed for all the expenses except for the District's share for three teams, which totaled \$ 339.80. Expenses came to \$16.99 per person.

Region II Meeting Update:

None of the Districts have received funding for FY 2010. The Districts should be receiving \$59,000.00 less 5% reserve. Districts could possibly receive funding by the end of June.

Some Districts are pursuing the Drainage Districts for Contribution Agreements and trying to get funding through the agreement by keeping track of the drainage tile and etc.

The Transect survey was discussed and how to perform the survey.

A session was given on FOIA (Freedom of Information Act).

The Employees Association Representatives talked about plans for Summer Conference & etc.

NEW BUSINESS:

CPP:

Jonathon reported on Tim Menacher's water way project, which is now the Plunk Brothers'. The project has been completed and the bills have been turned in. Jonathon did not have everything completed in time for the Board to approve bills and etc at the meeting but the Board will approve or disapprove over the internet.

Book Barn:

Farm Bureau and Piatt County SWCD put in for a Grant to receive funding for a book barn. The Barn will travel from school to school and will be filled with books on agricultural.

Stewardship Day:

Piatt County SWCD and Earth Partners will hold the Stewardship Days on May 27 at the White Heath School. They intend to have 5 or 6 speakers for the day.

Alternative Farming Series:

Jonathon would like to hold a series of meetings in regards to Alternative Farming.

BILLS: Paid and unpaid:

Motion made by Bill Meyer and seconded by Loyd Wax to approve all bills paid & unpaid. Motion carried.

NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST REPORT:

Michelle Lewis, District Conservationist submitted her written report as attached.

SWCD STAFF REPORTS:

CREP Assistant's Report:

Terre Zeigler, CREP Assistant gave her report.

Terre reported on the progress of CREP. She has been meeting with EPA, IDNR & the AISWCD to discuss strategies to reopen CREP. CREP will open up in the Kaskaskia & Illinois River basin. They are looking at current personnel and where to place them. She is hoping that CREP will open back up in August, 2010. Terre & Jonathon will be doing inspections on the properties enrolled in CREP. Terre will not turn the inspection reports in just yet because the Districts may be able to make about \$200.00 for doing the inspections.

Resource Conservationist's Report:

Jonathon Manuel, Resource Conservationist, submitted his report as attached.

Administrative Coordinator's Report:

Phyllis Muse, Administrative Coordinator, submitted her report as attached.

Bill Meyer made a motion to approve the staff reports. Motion seconded by Loyd Wax. Motion carried.

TIME SHEETS & EXPENSE REPORTS:

Motion made by Bill Meyer and seconded by Loyd Wax that the Board signs off on the time sheets and expense reports. Motion carried.

Next Board Meeting:

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the USDA office in Monticello.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chairman, Bruce Stoddard entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was made by Bill Meyer and seconded by Loyd Wax to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:
Phyllis Muse, Administrative Coord.

Approved by:
Bruce Stoddard, Chairman

Signature

Date

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