

**PIATT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 15, 2009

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 December 15, 2009. The meeting was held at the USDA Building, Conference Room in Monticello, IL. Those present were:

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Chairman, Bruce Stoddard; Derrick Bruhn, and John Beckhart. By phone: Bill Meyer

ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Loyd Wax

DIRECTORS & ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ARRIVING LATE:

DIRECTORS & ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Directors Allen Williams and Associate Director Kurt Robson, Doug Gucker, Dylan Gallagher

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 November, 2009 Board meeting minutes. There being no further additions or corrections to the minutes, The Chairman entertained a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

John Beckhart made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Derrick Bruhn Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer's Report for October, 2009.

Motion was made Derrick Bruhn to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion seconded by John Beckhart. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Election Update:

Those wishing to be Directors for the Piatt County SWCD may now turn in the nomination form.

NACD 2010 Dues

The District received a statement for the NACD 2010 Dues which amounted to \$775.00. The District did not pay any dues last year. After some discussion the Piatt County SWCD Board does not feel that the NACD is looking out for its best interest.

Motion was made by John Beckhart to not pay NACD dues this year. Motion seconded by Bill Meyer. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Computer System:

SWCD's Computers are currently on NRCS network system. As of January 6th a fee of \$3,126.00 will be charged for every computer after one that the district has on NRCS system. Other options were presented and were asked to continue looking into them.

Derrick Bruhn made a motion to pay the \$3,126.00 this year for a second computer to be on the NRCS network. Motion seconded by John Beckhart . Motion carried.

Illinois Funds Signatures:

This is an update for the Districts checking accounts with Illinois Funds.

NRCS Contribution Agreement:

The NRCS Contribution Agreement is ending December 31st. A bill will be submitted to NRCS at that time.

2010 Meeting Schedule:

The Board has agreed to keep the meetings on the third Tuesday of the Month at 7pm. A schedule is attached.

Derrick Bruhn made a motion to approve the 2010 meeting dates and time. Motion seconded by John Beckhart. Motion carried.

Freedom of Information Officer:

A new law goes into effect January 1st 2010 requiring every governmental agency to have a designated FOIA officer.

John Beckhart made the motion to have Phyllis Muse and Jonathon Manuel be Co FOIA officers. Motion seconded by Bill Meyer. Motion carried.

There being no other Old or New Business the Chairman entertained a motion to approve all the Old & New Business.

Derrick Bruhn made a motion to approve all the Old and New Business. John Beckhart seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BILLS: Paid and unpaid:

Motion made by John Beckhart and seconded by Derrick Bruhn 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 a verbal report about progress on the new CREP.

Resource Conservationist's Report:

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

Administrative Coordinator's Report:

Phyllis Muse, Administrative Coordinator, was glade to be back at the meeting.

John Beckhart made a motion to approve the staff reports. Motion seconded by Derrick Bruhns. Motion carried.

TIME SHEETS & EXPENSE REPORTS:

Motion made by Derrick Bruhns and seconded by John Beckhart 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, January 19, 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 Derrick Bruhns and seconded by John Beckhart to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Minutes taken and transcribed by:

Jonathon Manuel, Resource Conservationist

Approved by:

Bruce Stoddard, Chairman

Signature

Date

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