

Board Report

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### **Water Initiatives**

The SSRP program has been funded again for this year. Wayne Kinney is going to come up in the next couple of months to look at two possible projects.

Allerton Park is letting Drew go this April. He made sure that Barbara and I met. She has assured me that the project is going to still move forward.

### **Natural Resources Initiatives**

The e-waste collection is going very well. We are almost requiring a new trailer every two weeks.

### **Farm Land Initiatives**

John Leishcner's waterway has had the tile in stalled, the contractor is going to try and have this project finished yet this month.

Stan Foley's waterway is waiting for the creek to go down so that Matt D. and I can get some shots in the creek.

The two terraces for Bruce Stoddard are designed and the contractor has moved in and begun construction.

Larry Simonton and Sam Brandenburg have a waterway rebuild that has been surveyed and designed. They are now going to wait until spring to build.

John Gyorr's waterway rebuild project will be going in this spring as well. The contractor has contacted me about this project.

Tim Menacher waterway project has changed to the Plunk waterway. This project has been completed and the bills are ready for your approval.

Steve Catlin is fixing his waterway; this is on hold until the old tile can be replaced and the fabric checks can be installed. Spoke with Seevers this month, whole things will be moving along.

Charles Hendrix waterway system has been designed. They look to be starting work on it this spring.

Fred Amdor's waterway is designed.

James McClure waterway is designed as well.

William Gallagher's waterway is designed.

I have surveyed Patrick Hayes and Terry March waterways. I hope to have the Designs done yet this week.

Helped NRCS with check out on Stoddard.

The NRI are changing due to changes in the materials that we base them on.

The LESA will need some small changes to match new material.

I am already working on next years Tillage Day. This time it might have to be a joint County Tillage Day. This would be do to finding a wheat field.

### **Education Initiatives**

We had 11 teams at the Land Use Council 6 Envirothon. Monticello won overall and Cerro Gordo toke third place overall!!

On April 10<sup>th</sup> the 4-H held a rock hound event. Donna Mosher allowed the kids to hunt for rocks on her farm ground.

With Earth Partners, Piatt County Farm Bureau and us we have a Stewardship Day planned for May27th at White Heath.

Earth Partners, Piatt County Farm Bureau, and the Piatt County SWCD have won a grant to have a book barn. This Barn is a book case painted and shaped to look like a barn. It will have books on all kinds of agriculture. The plan is to move it from school to school and from library to library during the summer months.

I once again helped with McLean Counties Conservation Day.

**District Operations Initiatives**

We have received \$3007.00 for last year's contribution agreement.

We are well over half way done with this year's contribution agreement. I am going to ask if we can modify this year's agreement to go ahead and complete it or try and get more money.

As you know the RC&D has a few empty committee seats for Piatt County. If you know of anyone willing to take one please let me know.

At this time we are going to be in the Monticello guide.

I sent a letter off to the States Attorney with our questions on 2-19-2010. I have yet to get a response.

I attended the Area 2 Regional meeting which I found to be very informative.

The RC&D meeting went rather well. The RC&D is helping several small organizations out of Shelby with their events.