

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – August 6, 2009
HENRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
U.S.D.A. BUILDING, CAMBRIDGE, ILLINOIS

Approved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

Jerry Snodgrass, Chairman
Albert Hulting, Vice-Chairman
Dorothy Brown, Director
Mark DeDecker, Director
Steve Owens, Secretary/Treasurer

Sharon Matson, AC
Monica Stevens, RC
Rich Stewart, DC
John Oliver, Associate Director
Jon Graham, Associate Director

ABSENT:

Jim King, Associate Director Duane Curry, Associate Director

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Jerry Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Albert Hulting moved to approve the previous board minutes and place on file. Dorothy Brown seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

AGENDA APPROVAL:

It was the consensus of board members present to approve the agenda as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sharon provided copies of finances and bills for the month of July. Dorothy Brown moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills for the month of July. Steve Owens seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Sharon provided copies of CD rates from Henry County Banks for board members to review. A CD from BankOrion will mature on August 8, 2009. Albert Hulting moved to renew the CD for 12 months with an interest rate of 2.15%. Dorothy Brown seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.** Sharon will renew the CD on Monday, August 10, 2009 with BankOrion.

REPORTS:

After discussing the staff reports Steve Owens moved to approve the staff reports as mailed and place on file. Mark DeDecker seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

1. Steve Owens reported for the Farm Bureau stating August 12th Katie will be talking on the radio at 8:45 a.m. Farm Bureau will hold a marketing seminar at the end of the month. Steve commented the Farm Bureau will hold its annual picnic next month.
2. Jon Graham reported on the Natural Area Guardians meeting held last month. The N.A.G.S. took a tour of Jon's prairie north of Erie. Jon commented the N.A.G.S. will be replacing posts at Greenly cemetery.
3. Mark DeDecker commented on his family vacation in France.
4. Dorothy Brown commented Jon's prairie was very nice. Dorothy complimented Monica on the website stating she had done a great job.
5. Jerry Snodgrass gave updates on NACD Summer conference, and the CTIC tour. Jerry commented he and Pam will leave on vacation Saturday. Jerry reported Adams County Soil and Water District has closed.

CORRESPONDENCE :

Sharon passed the following correspondence for members to review:

- ⇒ July Conservation Catchall was sent to all board members
- ⇒ Illinois Forestry Annual Meeting
- ⇒ August Bureau Report

OLD BUSINESS :

- ⇒ Jerry, Steve and Albert commented on summer conference stating it went very well. Jerry stated Mark DeDecker has been a board member for 15 years and was recognized at summer conference. Mark received a 15 year certificate and pin.
- ⇒ Monica gave board members present information from the website. Monica stated she wanted the website to be informative and educational. Monica will have a conference call with Keith Stewart teaching her how to update the website. Dorothy requested the Natural Area Guardians information be put on the website.

NEW BUSINESS :

- ⇒ Sharon reported the county board budget meeting will be Wednesday, August 19th at 1:00 p.m. Sharon presented the letter and budget for the county board. The board reviewed the letter and budget for the Henry County Board. Monica, Sharon and Steve Owens will attend the budget meeting.
- ⇒ Rich Stewart gave an update on the Conservation Stewardship Program. Rich stated more information would be available next week. Rich will email board members updates as soon as he receives them.

OTHER BUSINESS :

- ⇒ Monica presented an update on CPP funds; all CPP monies have been spent or requested for. Monica stated she had requested \$60,000 FY2010 monies and \$40,000 bond monies. Monica commented we may only receive \$20,000.00.

OPERATION CANCELLATION :

- ⇒ None

ZONINGS :

- ⇒ None

EXECUTIVE MEETING :

Jerry Snodgrass moved to close the regular meeting and go into executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Dorothy Brown moved to adjourn the executive session and go back to the regular meeting at 8:40 p.m.

MEETING ADJOURNED :

Jerry Snodgrass commented no action was taken during executive session.

Dorothy moved to adjourn the board meeting at 8:45 p.m. Albert Hulting seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The board's consensus to have next month's meeting September 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Owens, Secretary/Treasurer _____

The next board meeting is scheduled September 3, 2009 @ 7:00 P.M.