

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING – January 6, 2010
HENRY COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
U.S.D.A. BUILDING, CAMBRIDGE, ILLINOIS

Unapproved Minutes

ATTENDANCE:

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

Sharon Matson, AC
Monica Stevens, RC
Jodi Martin, SC
Jim King, Associate Director
John Oliver, Associate Director

ABSENT:

Duane Curry, Associate Director Jon Graham, Associate Director Rich Stewart, DC

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Jerry Snodgrass called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

Dorothy Brown moved to approve and place on file the previous board minutes with an amendment on page 1 under Jerry Snodgrass's report; it should read Natural Resource Policy Committee instead of NRCS. Steve Owens seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

AGENDA APPROVAL:

Albert Hulting made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Steve Owens seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Sharon provided copies of finances and bills for the month of November and December. Steve Owens moved to accept the financial reports and pay the bills. Dorothy Brown seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.** Sharon provided CD interest rates from area banks for a CD that expires on January 6th. Albert Hulting made a motion to renew the CD at Union Federal with a rate of 1.75% for 12 months. Dorothy Brown seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The profit and loss report was reviewed by all board members.

REPORTS:

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

1. Steve Owens reported on the Farm Bureau's annual meeting held in Chicago. Steve stated a marketing seminar is scheduled for January 8th at 10:00 a.m. at the Cellar Restaurant in Geneseo, Illinois.
2. Jim King gave updates on RC&D, Henry County Extension, and the Henry County Board.
3. Marty McManus reported a spring workshop for employees and directors will be March 10th at the Pinnacle in Milan, Illinois. Marty stated there would be training if new directors are elected.
4. Dorothy Brown reported for the Natural Area Guardians stating the officers elected are the following. Luanne Urban, President; Kim Reynolds, Vice-President and Sandy French as Treasurer. Dorothy stated Karen Larson was selected as the Natural Area Guardian of the Year. The N.A.G.S. has renamed their scholarship to The Clarence and Marie Medley Conservation Scholarship.
5. Jerry Snodgrass gave an update on the quarterly boards held in Springfield. Jerry stated he will attend the NACD meeting in Chicago on January 7th. Jerry will attend interview sessions for a NACD CEO in Washington, DC on January 8th and on Monday, January 11th he will be in Maryland attending an herbicide resistance meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Board members reviewed the following:

- ⇒ Conservation Catchall
- ⇒ Interstate RC&D annual meeting invitation
- ⇒ 2010 Illinois Tillage Seminar

OLD BUSINESS:

- ⇒ Sharon commented on the Henry County drug disposal program stating the health department have 2 drop off sites. Sharon contacted the health department to ask if the Henry County SWCD could be a drop off site also; the EPA declined due to budget restraints. The Henry Co SWCD board members thought it would be a good idea to promote the program. Sharon will contact the health department for details.
- ⇒ Jim King, chairman of the nominating committee updated board members on possible candidates to replace Steve Owens position. Sharon reported the annual newsletter has been finalized and will be published next week.
- ⇒ Sharon presented the final fall fish sale report for board members to review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- ⇒ Sharon presented the NACD dues letter for FY10; Jerry Snodgrass moved to pay the FY10 dues of \$775.00. Albert Hulting seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
- ⇒ Sharon presented the Illinois Forestry Association dues letter for FY10; Dorothy Brown moved to pay the FY10 dues of \$50.00. Steve Owens seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
- ⇒ Sharon commented on the FOIA meeting she had attended. Sharon stated the board had to designate a FOIA officer who is required to take an online training session. Dorothy Brown designated Sharon to be the FOIA officer.
- ⇒ The AISWCD provided 50 sponsorship brochures at a cost of \$10.00. The board decided to send the sponsorship brochures to different organizations and have handouts at our annual meeting.
- ⇒ The tree planter and drill storage was discussed; Albert Hulting has stored the drill and Mark DeDecker has stored the tree planter.
- ⇒ The board discussed the NRCS fee for 1 computer; the consensus of the board to table the discussion until next month's board meeting where a decision will be made.
- ⇒ The board discussed the QuickBooks update and decided to table the discussion until next month's board meeting.
- ⇒ Sharon presented the AISWCD dues letter for FY10: Steve Owens made a motion to pay the FY10 dues of \$891.89 **when** we receive our allocation. Albert Hulting seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**
- ⇒ Sharon presented the Interstate RC&D dues letter for FY10; Dorothy Brown moved to pay the FY10 dues of \$250.00. Steve Owens seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

OTHER BUSINESS:

- ⇒ Monica gave an update on CPP monies. Monica asked for direction on CPP prioritization; the board gave Monica authorization to prioritize CPP projects and update board members at each monthly meeting. Marty McManus stated if we want a cost recovery policy the board will have to formally adopt one. Monica will check out a cost recovery policy per the guidance book and present to the board next month.
- ⇒ Mark DeDecker questioned Monica if Mr. Wongstrom's project would be on the list; Monica commented the question had been addressed at last month's board meeting; yes he would be first on the list for payment.
- ⇒ Monica presented board members website information.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

Dorothy Brown moved to adjourn the board meeting at 5:00 p.m. Steve Owens seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

The board's consensus to have next month's meeting February 4, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Steve Owens, Secretary/Treasurer _____

The next board meeting is scheduled February 4, 2010 @ 2:30 P.M.