

MINUTES

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
6 May 2010, 3:05 p.m. 100 N. Atkinson Rd., Ste. 102-A Grayslake, IL, 847-223-1056

With a quorum of the Board present, Chairman Don Lloyd called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m., with the following in attendance:

Directors of LCSWCD Board: Don Lloyd
Cheryl Doros
Cheena Wade
Sandy Hartogh
Tom Simpson

SWCD Staff: Mea Blauer, Resource Conservationist
Nick Spittlemeister, Resource Analyst
Joanne True, District Manager

Agencies: Jim Rospopo, District Conservationist, USDA-NRCS

BOARD MINUTES: motion to approve March 11, 2010 board minutes as presented by Wade, second by Doros; carried.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT – Mea Blauer

Natural Resource Inventory Report

NRI #10-2712, 4 acs., Mike Schall, Unincorporated Lake Co., Fremont Twp.: motion to approve Blauer's report as presented by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

Streambank Stabilization and Restoration Projects (SSRP): motion to approve SSRP project in Libertyville Township in the about of \$1,463.25 and Antioch Township in the amount of \$15, 675, by Wade, second by Simpson; carried.

RESOURCE ANALYST'S REPORT – Nick Spittlemeister

Soil Testing Program: Spittlemeister presented the board with a recap of the soil testing program since it's inception. Due to other program areas requiring more attention and the lack of funds to hire an intern, motion by Simpson to suspend the soil testing program until further notice, second by Hartogh; carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Joanne True

Timesheets: motion to approve staff timesheets for March and April 2010, by Simpson, second by Hartogh; carried.

Training Needs Inventory (TNI): motion to approve TNI's for Blauer and Spittlemeister by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried. Training is provided free of charge by NRCS. LCSWCD pays only meals, lodging and gas.

Pitney Bowes Lease: Due to continued lack of state funding, motion by Hartogh, second by Wade, to cancel remaining 2-1/2 years of our 5 year lease for postage meter; carried.

Rockford Map Publishers: motion not to renew Copyright License Program for Rockford Maps in the amount of \$85.00, by Wade, second by Simpson; carried.

Vacation Request: motion to approve vacation request for True from 5/21/10 through 6/1/10, by Wade, second by Simpson; carried.

DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT – Jim Rospopo

Rospopo informed the board of McHenry County District Conservationist Dave Brandt's retirement on April 30, 2010. Paul Serle who is the Soil Conservationist in DeKalb County has been appointed the Acting District Conservationist to replace Brandt. He will be covering Lake County in addition to North Cook and McHenry Counties. The position was downgraded to a GS 11, so Rospopo will not be applying for the position, as he is a GS 12.

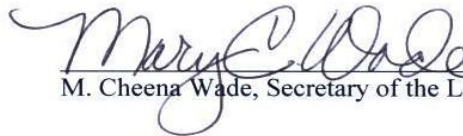
Rospopo met with the Highland Park Park District to see if their ravines will qualify for funding under the Great Lakes Initiative program. He explained the program criteria and they will submit proposals to NRCS in the immediate future for their consideration.

North Cook/Elgin NRCS Office Closure: Per Board inquiry, Rospopo has still not been advised of where he will be detailed when the North Cook NRCS office closes on May 31, 2010. The North Cook SWCD office will remain open at their current location, without an NRCS presence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Statement: motion to approve March and April 2010 financial statements as presented by Simpson, second by Wade; carried. Discussion followed with regard to dwindling funds and lack of state funding. Lloyd will contact Rich Nichols at the AISWCD to inform him that the board will have to consider closing the office in 2-3 months if funding is not forthcoming from the state.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. by Hartogh, second by Doros; carried.


M. Cheena Wade, Secretary of the LCSWCD Board

NOTE: Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is **June 10, 2010, at 3 p.m.**