

**MINUTES**  
**SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**20 November 2008, 3:05 p.m. 100 N. Atkinson Rd., Ste. 102-A Grayslake, IL, 847-223-1056**

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

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

**Arriving Late r:** Don Lloyd (Attended LUC 16 Meeting in DeKalb)

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

**USDA-NRCS:** Jim Rospopo, District Conservationist

**Guests:** Glenn Westman, Sr. Wetland Specialist, Lake County SMC  
Dan Zeken, Newport Township

**BOARD MINUTES:** motion to approve October 16, 2008 board minutes by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

**NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY REPORTS – Mea Blauer & Nick Spittlemeister**

**NRI #08-2684, Newport Township, 20 acs., Village of Wadsworth, Newport Twp.:** following visual map/site plans and oral presentation, motion to approve Spittlemeister's report as presented by Doros, second by Wade; carried. Mr. Zeken stated the township would be constructing a 60' x 80' garage and salt bin on the parcel.

(Dan Zeken left here at 3:15 p.m.)

**NRI #08-2683, Cook Memorail Public Library District, 9.5 acs., Village of Vernon Hills, Vernon Twp.:**

following visual map/site plans and oral presentation, motion to approve Spittlemeister's report by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

**NRI #08-2685, Corporate Design & Dev. Group, LLC, 2.1 acs., Village of Lakemoor, Wauconda Twp.:**

following visual map/site plans and oral presentation, motion to approve Spittlemeister's report by Hartogh, second by Doros; carried.

**NRI #08-2686, Mario Perricone, 44.28 acs., Unincorporated Lake Co., Wauconda Twp.:** following visual map/site plans and oral presentation, motion to approve Blauer's report by Doros, second by Wade; carried.

**NRI #08-2687, John Ullrich, 18 acs., Village of Long Grove, Vernon Twp.:** following visual map and oral presentation, motion to approve Blauer's report by Doros, second by Wade; carried.

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Joanne True**

**Timesheets:** motion by Wade to approve October timesheets as presented by True, second by Hartogh; carried.

**Insurance:** tabled until December 08 meeting to request more info, on motion by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

**Dues:** motion to approve IL Soil & Water Conservation District Employees Association dues for FY 09, for all District employees, in the amount of \$30, by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

**Vacation Request:** motion to approve True's vacation request from 12/19/08 through 1/6/08, by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

(Don Lloyd arrived here at 4:00 p.m.)

## **NRCS REPORT – Jim Rospopo**

Rospopo detailed his written report for the board.

## **DIRECTOR/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Financial Statement:** motion by Doros to accept financial statement as presented by Hartogh, second by Wade; carried.

### **OTHER**

**NRCS Office Presence:** in 2000 the LCSWCD Board invited NRCS to staff an NRCS person back in Lake County, five years after the loss of their funding. NRCS agreed to put a full time District Conservationist (D.C.) in our office on September 10, 2000. In 2004, NRCS changed their D.C. position to part time in Lake County to two days a week. At the time, the Board was optimistic that NRCS would join them in servicing the many needs of our urban clientele in Lake County. Unfortunately, while the neighboring states of Iowa, Minnesota and Ohio, have expanded their urban programs significantly, that has not been the case in Illinois or Lake County. After long consideration and the state of our financial insecurity at this time, the Board decided they can no longer afford to provide office space, utilities, etc. to NRCS without some time of reimbursement. Since Chairman Lloyd's meetings and conversations with NRCS Area Conservationist Jon Hubbert did not produce any support for urban programs or financial aide, it is with regret that we can no longer provide free space and utilities to house their District Conservationist at this time. Motion by Wade, second by Simpson, to notify NRCS to vacate our office and remove their files and computer equipment from the LCSWCD office by January 1, 2009. A letter detailing the Board's decision will be sent to Jon Hubbert, Assistant State Conservationist for NRCS. Current Lake County District Conservationist Jim Rospopo will not be out of a job due to this decision. He will continue to serve Lake County producers from his office in Elgin.

**Envirothon Contract:** following discussion, motion by Wade to not sign Envirothon contract detailing minimum staff contributions to the organization, second by Hartogh carried. While the Board and staff of the LCSWCD have been consistently supportive of the Envirothon program, our staff will only be able to participate as time allows, due to our focus of fulfilling technical needs and financial obligations in Lake County with a limited technical staff.

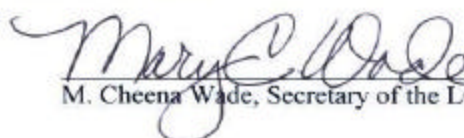
**Meetings:** Chairman Lloyd asked for suggestions to relay to the Urban Committee, with whom he has a conference call tomorrow. He will also be attending the quarterly board meeting of the AISWCD in December. Directors gave Don several items of concern to address, pertaining to our funding issues, lack of urban initiatives, and areas where we would like to see more support and focus from the state and national level.

Lloyd updated the board on last weeks meeting between our staff and representatives of the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. Staffs discussed how to better coordinate our inspections and meet the NPDES and WDO requirements for construction sites in Lake County. SMC is willing to provide Army Corps bump-up sites that are located in certified communities for our District staff to inspect, under the IEPA agreement. There is also potential for District personnel to perform site inspections and plan reviews for new Army Corps sites and obtain the fees associated with same.

Lloyd informed the Directors and staff about the upcoming Spring Workshop on Friday, February 27, 2009. Land Use Council 16 will be highlighting fertilizer use, phosphorus pollutants in IL waterways, and their associations with residential fertilizers. Other Land Use Councils will be invited to attend as well. The workshop will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Due to the shortfall in state funding, the District Board and staff will forego their annual holiday luncheon, to be replaced by a potluck following next month's board meeting. Staff will coordinate dishes to pass prior to the meeting.

**Adjourn:** motion to adjourn at 4:50 p.m. by Hartogh, second by Doros; carried.

  
M. Cheena Wade, Secretary of the LCSWCD Board

**NOTE:** Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is **Thursday, December 18, 2008, at 3 p.m.**