

MINUTES
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY BOARD MEETING
10 December 2009, 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
Tom Simpson
Cheryl Doros
Sandy Hartogh

Absent: Cheena Wade

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

Agencies: Jim Rospopo, DC, USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service

BOARD MINUTES: motion to approve November 12, 2009 board minutes as presented, by Doros, second by Simpson; carried.

RESOURCE CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT – Mea Blauer

Village of Antioch MOU: SWCD technical staff met with Village of Antioch staff, which resulted in the presented MOU. SWCD staff will do weekly erosion control inspections at the Antioch Water Treatment Plan. Motion to approve MOU with Village of Antioch by Hartogh, second by Simpson; carried.

Streambank Stabilization & Restoration Project (SSRP): Blauer received a request for SSRP funding for Bull Creek, in the amount of \$2,062.50. Motion to approve SSRP funding for this site by Hartogh, second by Doros; carried. Blauer has another potential project to fund on the Fox River in Antioch Township, which would use up the remaining SSRP funds from 2009.

Vacation Request: motion to approve vacation request for Blauer from 12/28/09 – 12/31/09, by Simpson, second by Hartogh; carried.

Rain Barrels: the Village of Fox Lake is going to partner with us to sell rain barrels next spring, along with the Villages of Lincolnshire and Wauconda. Blauer and Spittlemeister met with our supplier last month to go over some new items he will be offering, including wooden barrels for next year's sale. Staff will contact other area Villages to see about including rain barrel sales in local water bills.

RESOURCE ANALYST'S REPORT – Nick Spittlemeister

AISWCD Sponsorship Brochures: motion to approve purchase of 50 brochures for \$10, by Simpson, second by Hartogh; carried.

Soil Testing Program Review: Spittlemeister handed out an annual synopsis of our soil testing program for last year. A total of 337 tests have been performed since the program began in the spring of 2006. Spittlemeister has a college intern lined up for this summer to assist with the program. Motion to approve purchase of new electrode and phosphorus in alkaline soils test kit totaling \$276.90 for our testing equipment on motion by Hartogh, second by Simpson; carried.

AISWCD Dues: Discussion continued regarding payment of our last quarter 09 dues in the amount of \$553.31. Board consensus was again no to pay the remaining dues until we receive our state funding, due to severe budget constraints being experienced by our office. Lloyd will be attending the quarterly board meeting this coming weekend in Springfield, and relay our decision to the AISWCD Executive Board once again. They may insist upon his resignation from the Board of Directors, despite our payment of ¾ of our dues. Motion not to pay our last quarter dues until state funding is received, by Hartogh, second by Simpson; carried.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Joanne True

Timesheets: motion to approve staff timesheets for November 2009, by Hartogh, second by Simpson; carried.

Directors & Officers Liability Insurance: following discussion, motion by Simpson, second by Hartogh, to pay annual premium of \$1,172.00 in 9 payments of \$105.22, due to budget constraints; carried.

NRCS DISTRICT CONSERVATIONIST'S REPORT – Jim Rospopo

Rospopo worked with Dave Giles to revise his farm plans. Following work with Valley Lake on invasive species control, payment has been authorized. Rospopo was detailed to Ford County to work with them with their Conservation Reserve Program. Lloyd asked if NRCS had any projects in mind in the Great Lakes Basin in Illinois to take advantage of funding dollars. Rospopo replied that they did not.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Financial Statement: motion to approve November financial statement as presented by Doros, second by Simpson; carried.

Other: Lloyd thanked the Board for the memorial contribution made to the New Berlin, NY library in his mother's memory. The library was thankful to receive our donation, as was the Lloyd family.

Adjournment: motion to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. by Hartogh, second by Doros; carried.


M. Cheena Wade, Secretary of the LCSWCD Board

NOTE: Next regularly scheduled Board meeting is **January 14, 2010, at 3 p.m.**