

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes June 13, 2017

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Alan Wissmiller, Larry Kirchner, Tim McCorkle and Dave Peters, Resource Conservationist Emilie Janes and District Conservationist Trenton Rader. Absent were Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and Associate Director John Settle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: O'Connor made and McCorkle seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of LUC3 Meeting under Old Business and Transect Survey, Approving New Budget and Fish Sale under New Business. Motion passed five to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of May 8, 2017 Board Meeting: Wissmiller made and O'Connor seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed five to zero.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approval of time and Travel: O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the time and travel reports. Motion passed five to zero.

Approval of Financial Report: O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion passed five to zero.

Approval of Bills: Kirchner made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the paying of the bills as presented. Motion passed five to zero.

CORRESPONDENCE: University of Chicago – Envirothon related.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erosion & Sediment Control Service Update – Janes will be meeting with the county on June 14, 2017 to discuss Erosion & Sediment Control permits & training.

NRI Approval – An NRI for John Sidener was reviewed (5 acre parcel, zoned R1). It was determined by the board that the construction of a house on the property would not negatively alter the agricultural land surrounding it. A letter of no effect will be written, and a full NRI will not be needed. Janes will follow up with Sidener to proceed.

Great Lakes Basin Railroad – Kirchner stated that the plan is under review, and no new information about moving forward with the plan has been released.

NLRS – Cover Crop sampling has been finished and reports were sent out to the producers involved.

AISWCD – Peters made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the paying of last year's AISWCD dues. Motion passed five to zero. Dues from previous years will not be paid.

LUC3 Meeting – O'Connor recapped the LUC3 meeting that he and Janes attended on May 25, 2017. At the meeting, AISWCD dues, allocation and distribution of funding, and the strategic plan were discussed. O'Connor stated that by paying last year's dues, district would be in good standing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Website – Janes stated that the website has been down due to an issue with validation. Settle had talked with a representative from iPage previously, but was unable to resolve the issue. Directors discussed and agreed to terminate the existing iPage account and explore new possibilities. A new line item was added to the budget to allow for the

development and maintenance of a new website. Janes will research new website platforms and contact Olivet Nazarene University to see if any computer programming students would be able to help construct a new website.

Approval of AC signing for Chairman on some documents – A resolution was made that, on a limited bases and with O'Connor's approval, the AC is able to sign for the chairman on some documents. Initials after the signature must be used to indicate that the document was signed for the chairman by the AC. An official resolution will be drafted by Janes.

Transect Survey – Janes gave a recap on the 2017 Transect Survey results for Kankakee County. Overall, conventional tillage was up and no-till down.

Fish Sale – Janes stated that she and Linda from Logan Hollow Fish Farms set a date for the 2017 Fall Fish Sale. The board agreed to the date: Friday, September 15 at 7am.

Approval of FY2018 Budget – Kirchner made and O'Connor seconded a motion to approve the FY2018 Annual Budget. Motion passed five to zero. Peters made and O'Connor seconded a motion to increase Janes' hours from 30 to 36 until the end of August. The motion passed five to zero.

Summer Conference – O'Connor and Janes expressed interest in going to Summer Conference. Wissmiller made and Kirchner seconded a motion allowing O'Connor to represent the board with his vote at Summer Conference. The motion passed five to zero.

Prevailing Wage Ordinance – O'Connor made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the Prevailing Wage Ordinance. Motion passed five to zero.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Nothing additional.

AC REPORT – Nothing additional.

DC REPORT –

FSA REPORT – Acreage reports are due by July 15th, a strict deadline. Currently, reorganization of the USDA is taking place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

The next regular District Board meeting will be July 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

O'Connor made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed five to zero. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 am.