

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes July 10, 2017

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday, July 10, 2017. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Alan Wissmiller and Larry Kirchner, Resource Conservationist Emilie Janes and District Conservationist Trenton Rader. Absent were Directors Tim McCorkle and Dave Peters, and Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and Associate Director John Settle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Kirchner made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the Solar Farm under New Business. Motion passed three to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of June 13, 2017 Board Meeting: O'Connor made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed three to zero.

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

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

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erosion & Sediment Control Service Update – Janes and O'Connor met with the county on June 14, 2017 to discuss Erosion & Sediment Control permits & training. Currently, there are two Erosion & Sediment Control permits pending with SWCD. The board is working in conjunction with the Kankakee Planning Department to draft a new, updated agreement. It was suggested that Janes record information and take pictures during site visits in order to provide a record of the visit. Janes will also work on drafting an E&SC checklist to use during site visits.

NRI Approval – Janes followed up with Sidener, and is awaiting his response to issue the no effect letter.

Great Lakes Basin Railroad – Kirchner stated that the GLB filed paperwork, but did not release financial information or interests.

NLRS – None.

Website Update – Janes has been working with Alan Riley, an ONU staff member, to develop a new KCSWCD website using Wix. Settle informed Janes that the old website through iPage has been terminated, but the domain is still active.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tree Sale – Janes is currently working to draft a new order form and plan dates for the 2017 Fall Tree Sale. Janes will reach out to Iroquois SWCD to help with planning.

Sub-Agreements (NRCS & CRP) – O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to renew the NRCS contribution agreement. Motion passed three to zero. Kirchner made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to renew the CRP sub-agreement, with the help of Trenton Rader. Motion passed three to zero.

Directors and Officers Insurance Quote – Kirchner made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the directors and officers insurance quote. Motion passed three to zero.

Solar Farm – It was confirmed that a new solar farm is going to be constructed in the area. Because of this, the district will need to be prepared to issue Erosion & Sediment Control permits and NRIs for the project. Research will need to be done about possible environmental hazards and concerns that a solar farm may present.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Nothing additional.

AC REPORT – Nothing additional.

DC REPORT – Rader discussed the possibility of additional, outside help coming from Will County to aid in the fulfillment of the KCSWCD's NRCS and CRP sub-agreements. The board expressed interest, but further information will need to be presented before a decision is made.

FSA REPORT – The crop reporting deadline is quickly approaching. There will be no extension issued. New regulations were issued, making mid-management practices mandatory for CRP contracts. Existing CRP contracts will need to be reviewed and the addition of mid-management practices included.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

An Annual Plan of Work meeting was tentatively scheduled for August 3, 2017, at 7:30 am. The next regular District Board meeting will be August 14, 2017, at 7:30 am.

O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 9:55 am.