

IL Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 15, 2007

Meeting Called to Order: Rich Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:55 A.M. Those attending: Harry Hendrickson, Shannon Allen, Jim McQuilkin, Mark Kaiser, Kent Bohnhoff, Sharon Hatzhold, John Church, Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Annette Holmes, and Jeff Hyett.

Minutes: December 12, 2006 board meeting, Dave Rahe kept minutes and had not submitted them for approval yet. Minutes were tabled until next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: submitted by Mark Kaiser. Motion to approve by Harry Hendrickson seconded by Sharon Hatzhold. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

**Annual Meeting Wrap-up:** Rich thanked Kent B. and Mark K. for a job well done. There were several good comments. Financially, the society brook even. There where 34 people who registered for the meeting.

**Claude Soil Educational Committee:** SWCD are using the CD as part of there program and the web site. It was mentioned that if it goes national then we should put it in for an achievement award next year. Also Master Gardner's are using it. If anyone needs more copies Rich has several copies.

**Watershed Park soils display:** Alan Gulso was not in attendance and could not update.

**Chapter activities and responsibilities:** Harry Hendrickson e-mailed out the ILSWCS manual. It is a work in progress. There where some things that needed to be updated and removed from the manual. Under committee's the Annual Meeting Committee needs to be changed to Kent and Annette and Awards Committee to Martha and Rich. These are just a few examples. We were to look at the rest and e-mail changes to Harry before next meeting in May.

**Combined Natural Resources Prof. mtg:** Harry Hendrickson updated the leadership team. The next meeting would be held March 26 at the IDNR office. Alan Gulso attended the last meeting. There is an effort on the way to try and get commitment form IDA and IDNR. A date for the conference has been set for March 4-6 at Pierre Marquette State Park in 2008. We would hold our Annual Meeting there.

**CPESC Committee:** Shannon updated the board as to the plans of hosting another training session in Illinois sometime this fall or winter. Shannon is planning on using Dr. Mike Hirchi for the instructor after he passes his instructor certification. Shannon will keep everyone updated on progress.

**Chapter Website:** Deborah had checked with the U of I student and they were not interested. Deborah did know someone else and is checking on it for us. Currently we are paying \$89.55 every June. We would see need a person to help and keep it updated. It was suggested to send an article out in the newsletter and follow up with calls. The Committee chair is currently responsible for the web page, Harry was going to check and see if he still wanted to do it.

**Membership Committee:** Deborah sent out the current membership information. 198 members with two new members since last membership update. Section chairs should contact new members and potential new members and report back every meeting. Since April 2000 there has been a 5% decline a year. Send out a pledge form to every member asking them to pledge to find at least 2 new members a year. Deborah will follow up with this. We need to write the benefits to CPESC and CCA's of being a member. We need to send out request for membership to those at the annual meeting. Send out a cooperate membership to the Wind Energy speaker. **There was a motion to approve the concept by Jim McQuilkin and seconded by John Church motioned passed all ayes.**

**IL SWCS Chapter Shirts and Caps:** No report.

**National SWCS meeting:** The national meeting is July 22-25 in Tampa, FL this year. Rich, Alan G, Deborah, and Kent are planning on attending. 2008 meeting will be in Arizona, 2009 in Missouri and 2010 in Michigan. It was mentioned that we should offer to help with the Missouri conference. If they would like us to are we willing to help? **Sharon made the motion to assist if needed; Harry seconded motion passed all ayes**

**Sharon made the motion to assist the Student Chapter up to \$500 for actual expenses to attend the National Conference. Seconded by Mark, Motion passed all ayes.**

**Partners in Conservation Display:** This would be for the Farm Progress Show. We would be paying for a 10 by 10 exhibit space in the Partners in Conservation Tent. There is a possibility of tours of the conservation practices that were installed during the IL LICA show. Last year we split the bill with AISWCD? Check on if we can do that again. **Harry made the motion to approve up to \$250.00 for the Farm Progress Show Tent Display. Jim M. seconded it, motion was approved all ayes.**

New Business:

Fall Education Tour: Betty Joubert has agreed to put together the fall tour, need to find out a date and time.

IL River Conference Invitation: The cost is \$175 for a Display and 1 comp. ticket. The meeting is October 2 – 4. Committed to this for the Lt. Governors Award.

**Motion was made to attend and pay up to \$175 for display space by Jim M. Seconded by Kent S. Motion passed all ayes.**

North Central Leadership conference in Platteville. The meeting is scheduled for April 16 – 17 need to register by April 9<sup>th</sup>. Rich, Kent, Shannon and Annette are planning on attending.

Northwest Conference: Proposals are due by March 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will be in Iowa.

Student Chapter Reports: Nothing new to report.

Section Activities Report:

Section 1- No Report

Section 2- No Report

Section 3- working on Manure workshops and grants for Biomass.

Section 4- Jeff Hyett is the new section chair.

Section 5- No Report

Section 6- No Report

Section 7- No Report

**A motion was made for some silent auction items to be taken to Tampa, 2 Coffee cups, 2 Claude CD and some local wine if possible by Mark. Seconded by John, motion passed all ayes.**

Upcoming Meetings:

Tampa, SWCD Annual Meeting

IL River Conference

Farm Progress Show

**Motion to adjourn by John C. Second by Jim M. meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.**