

IL Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Society
Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2006

Meeting Called to Order: Harry Hendrickson called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M. Those attending: Bob Frazee, Shannon Allen, Jim McQuilkin, Rich Stewart, Mark Kaiser, Steve Hollister, Alan Gulso, Paige Buck and Sharon Hatzhold. Thanks to Bob Frazee for arranging for coffee and a room at the E. Peoria UI Extension Office.

Minutes: December 6, 2005 board meeting minutes moved for approval by Bob Frazee, seconded by Steve Hollister. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Kaiser submitted a written financial report showing a current checking account balance of \$5040.43 and a CD balance of \$10,600.90. Motion to approve by Steve Hollister, seconded by Alan Gulso. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting: Everyone agreed that the Annual Meeting was very well done, and thanked Rich for his assistance in organizing it. Rich suggested that there is still a \$100 sponsorship outstanding for the Annual Meeting and will send them a bill. Special thanks are due to Ed Weilbacher and Rich Macho for making program and meeting arrangements. With anticipated income of \$890 and expenses of \$616.10 for bus, food, and venue and \$99.03 for awards, it appears we covered expenses. \$200 of the income was from sponsors who had exhibits.

Nominating Committee: Bob Frazee and Steve Hollister will be on next years Nominating Committee.

Newsletter Committee: Steve Hollister talked to Jim about updating of the web site. It was suggested to get a college student from one of the student chapters to keep the web site up to date. Harry will ask Jim about this. Harry will ask Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant to put it on there next agenda. It was also mentioned to look into where the web site is hosted-- currently we pay about \$180/yr and it was mentioned that it might be cheaper to go through the national organization to do this. No action was taken.

Awards Committee: Kim St. John has resigned as chair of this committee. Much discussion followed. It was decided that Harry H. would contact Martha Sheppard to see if she would like to do this for our organization.

CPESC Committee: Shannon provided an update on the intention of CPESC to establish a local chapter in IL. Rich Macho is the Midwest representative on the national group. Board members were supportive and will be happy to assist as needed.

Membership Committee: Sharon H. handed out new brochures to everyone. Harry would like us to approach the IEPA to talk about membership. Also talk to AISWCD to get Districts more involved. CCA's were also mentioned for possible membership. The upcoming West North Central meeting relates to membership enhancement.

IL SWCS Chapter Shirts and Caps: Kim St. John orders them as needed. The board thought that these order forms need to be on the web page also.

New Business:

Education Soil Game CD Proposal: Paige Buck, NRCS, presented a new educational CD called, " Claude's Got the Scoop on Soil!" to the board. We were asked if we wanted to support this effort: \$5,000 could get 4,000 CD's. Bob Frazee and Paige will head up a committee to have teachers test demo this before a mass distribution and develop any needed marketing or educational tools related to the CD. A motion was made by Sharon H. to assign \$2,000 to the committee to work with as a start up fund. Seconded by Rich S. Motion passed all ayes.

New Soils Display at Watershed Park: Mike Rahe sent in a request for \$1,000 to create a touch screen Kiosk at watershed Park using the CD above. Alan G. made the motion to give \$500 towards the project, seconded by Rich S. Motion passed.

Financial Support for Student Member: A member of the U of I Student Chapter submitted a paper and it was received to be presented at the Annual Meeting in Keystone, CO. A Motion was made by Rich S. to provide up to \$500 for reimbursement to Kimberly Whitlock if she applies for the WNC regional student scholarship of \$250. Second by Steve H. Motion passed.

Fast-track Policy Development Process: Harry suggested that we need an organizational structure in place to handle writing white papers or policy papers. It was agree to do this via e-mail to the board members, who would then review the policy and respond accordingly. Whoever proposes the policy is responsible for the first draft. This would apply to State or Federal policies or legislation as they would apply to Illinois.

Student Chapter Reports: Nothing to report

Section Activities Report:

- Section 1- No Report
- Section 2- No Report
- Section 3- No Report
- Section 4- No Report
- Section 5- No Report
- Section 6- No Report

Section 7- No Report

Harry will check to make sure everyone still wants to be section leaders.

Meeting Dates: June 6, 2006, board meeting--Sharon Hartzold's cabin.
September 19, 2006, board meeting--Teleconference or E. Peoria
December 12, 2006, board meeting--Bloomington, F.O.

FFA Award Bond: Steve H. made the motion to give a \$100 savings bond (purchased for \$50) to the FFA for the Top State Environmental Source Award. Second by Jim M. Motion carried all ayes.

Keystone Silent Auction: There was a request for silent action items for Keystone Co. Annual Meeting. Rich Stewart and Harry were going to get wine basket together; it was suggested to give a couple of the Claude CD's away also.

AISWCD Conference Facilitators: Alan asked if anyone was interested in being a facilitator at summer conference AISWCD Annual Meeting to let him know.

CD Renewal: Mark K. made the motion to take the CD interest out and re-enter the principle into a 12 – 15 month CD. Second by Alan G. Motion passed all ayes.

Next Meeting: June 6, 2006, Sharon Hartzold Cabin near Bloomington, starting at 10:00 A.M.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Steve H. Second by Jim M. Motion passed at 12:15 pm.

Shannon Allen
Secretary, IL Chapter SWCS