

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District held their **Regular February Board Meeting** on the 08th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. located at 1495 West Longview Ave. Mansfield, Ohio.

Cook called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with the following in attendance, Wayne Weirick, Roger Cook, Bob Winbigler, John Hildreth, Bonnie Thomas, Tim Brandt and Clark Hutson. Schumacher absent, Winger arrived 7.55 p.m.

Oath of Office- Bob Winbigler was administered the Oath of Office at the recent OFSWCD conference in Columbus January 16-17. Charles Winger was sworn in on February 1st in the Soil & Water office, notarized by Steve Riser.

Secretary Report –Winger motioned to accept the January minutes as typed. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Financials – Winbigler motioned to approve February’s District Fund of 14 transactions totaling \$14,190.92 (check # 4140 - 4153), February’s Special Fund of 17 transactions totaling \$8,688.38, and to accept CPA’s January report as printed. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Thomas stated Ken Burrer needs to be removed from current signature card. Key bank recommended the district request in writing to remove Burrer since no names are being added. Names on amended card will be Thomas, Weirick and Schumacher. Thomas will get Schumacher’s signature on letter when he gets back into town.

Old Business

Policy Review Committee Meeting- Will secure a date to review policies and job descriptions when Schumacher gets back into town.

New Business

Annual Meeting Entertainment- Winbigler motioned to have Ken Hammontree with Living History Productions perform his Daniel Boone re-enactment for the entertainment at the 2007 Annual Meeting and Banquet for the cost \$200 plus mileage. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Farm Bureau Internet Agreement–Board reviewed the draft agreement between Farm Bureau & the District stating each party will equally share in the monthly expense of subscribing to Time Warner Road Runner service. Monthly fee is \$149.95 and Farm Bureau will be invoiced for \$74.98 monthly. Weirick motioned to accept the agreement as written. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Mohican Wildlife Weekend Donation- Weirick motioned to donate \$100 to the Mohican Wildlife Weekend. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Earth Stewardship Agreement- Weirick motioned accept the agreement with the Earth Stewardship Committee by donating \$200 for the Earth Stewardship celebration. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Charles Winger arrived at 7:55

GPS Unit – Tim Brandt, reported on the GPS units and how we can assist the GIS Consortium. Representatives from Trimble demonstrated last week how these units would allow the District to input new construction site information, identify best practices on site and the information would assist the County Auditor and Treasurer. Weirick motioned to purchase 2 Trimble GeoXT hand held units, one from the District fund at \$8,072 and one from the special fund at \$8,072 not to exceed \$16,144, pending needed data can be downloaded into system. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Tree Seedling Prices–Winger motioned to set tree seedling price at \$10.00 per bundle of ten seedlings. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye Motion passed 4-0.

Fingerling Fish Prices- Thomas reviewed with Board the price of Bluegill, Catfish, Bass & Perch increased to 60 cents each and Amur to \$10.00 each. Thomas recommended the District increase cost to customers from 60 cents to 70 cents each for Bluegill, Catfish, Bass & Perch and from \$10.00 to \$12.00 each for Amur. Winbigler motioned to set prices as recommended.. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Seasonal Tech Job Description – Hildreth reviewed the job description with the Board stating the position would be 7-8 months out of the year with an average of 2 times per week and recommended a wage of \$10.00 per hour. Winger motioned to approve the job description and pay the seasonal tech \$10.00 per hour. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Education Intern - Winbigler motioned to give the education intern a scholarship of \$2,500 after completing the summer internship. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Event Coordinator- Hildreth will coordinate interviews and schedule with Board

APO- Winbigler motioned to approve the APO as presented. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Policies for Approval

Animal Waste- Weirick motioned to accept the policy as presented. Winger seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Education Trailer – Board discussed they are not sure they want to rent out the education trailer. Winger motioned to deny the policy. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Equipment Inventory Policy- Winger motioned to deny revisions to Inventory Policy. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports

Farmland Preservation- Hildreth reported last month the Board advised him to inquire about possible conservation easements. Hildreth contacted Eric Miller, Attorney at Law. Eric advised Hildreth the concept of Farmland Preservation doesn't work. The first year there is a tax break, after that the district would be responsible to make sure the easement is being done and would have to create a funding source.

Business Development– Hildreth reported Attorney Burton encouraged him to copy ORC 165 for Board review. Hildreth reported before taking this journey there would need to be separate meetings. Burton recommended forming a Council of Governance (COG) for the organization. Hildreth requested the Board review the packet he handed out and be thinking of different industries the District could possibly develop into a business.

River Gauging- Hildreth reported he is working with VASU and they are putting a proposal together. They are looking at sonar units.

Erie Basin – Hildreth reported the District received a check from Erie Basin RC&D in the amount of \$17,872.50 for the work Matt did last year.

Job Descriptions- Hildreth reviewed changes to Tim, Matt and Tony’s job descriptions. Winger motioned to accept alterations to Tim, Matt & Tony’s job descriptions. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Board approved John Hildreth evaluation by signature.

Weirick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman

Secretary

Recorded Minutes