

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District held their **Regular July 2005 Board Meeting** on the 14th of July at 7:00 p.m. located at 1495 West Longview Ave. Mansfield, Ohio.

Jerry Schumacher called the meeting order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance, Wayne Weirick, Roger Cook, Ken Burrer, Charles Winger, and John Hildreth.

Secretaries Report – Cook motioned to accept June’s minutes as presented. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Financials – Weirick motioned to approve July’s District Fund of 1 transaction totaling \$15.00 (check # 4029) & July’s Special Fund of 22 transactions totaling \$7,778.97 and to accept CPA’s June report as presented. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Old Business

Resend Star Ohio motion of June- Winger motioned to resend Junes motion of using the Star Ohio account to purchase the education trailer. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Winger motioned to use one of the Key Bank money market accounts to purchase the educational trailer. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Pre-Employment Drug Screening- Cook motioned to accept the policy as presented. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Promotions –Rewards Policy- Tabled till next meeting, suggested that the contents include a dollar value of \$20.00 or under is exempt from this policy.

Note: Commissioner Tim Wert entered the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Postal Patron Mailing- Winger motioned to accept the proposal of increasing the list of citizens receiving our newsletter from 3,000 to 14,000. The approximate expense is \$1,700 for a four-page newsletter and \$2,100 for a 6-page newsletter.

At 7:20 p.m., Roger Cook motioned for the board to enter into executive session for personnel interviews for a new urban tech position. Attendance included Full Board, John Hildreth, Tim Brandt and Commissioner Wert. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

At 9:05 the board entered back into regular session. Gary Mathes joined the meeting.

Supervisor Candidate Report- Winger reported that he and Drew Eckert reviewed and asked several landowners. Winger announced that Bridget McDaniel, Rover Cook, and Jerry Schumacher would be running for supervisor filling two positions on the board.

New Business

Annual Meeting Tickets- Weirick motioned to charge \$12 per adult ticket to attend the 2005 Annual Meeting and Banquet. If Dutch Heritage charges children under 12 as adults, there will be a \$6 charge for children. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Pond Clinic Registration- Ken Burrer motioned to charge \$5.00 registration fee per person to cover literature for the clinic. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

CSP- Mathes reported that he would encourage the district and individual board members respond to time frame for public comment regarding the Conservation Security Program. The board discussed their experience of the 4-hour interviews, the complicated application, the 8-year waiting period if turned down in the first attempt, and how expensive the program is for the field office to administer as issues they would address. Chairman Schumacher suggested that each member also send a c.c. to Congressman Oxley.

NOCC Computer Training- Winger motioned to accept the quote for \$1,000 to provide staff computer-training opportunities. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

County Water testing program- Weirick suggested that a committee be organized to begin a comprehensive water-testing program for our streams and rivers in the county. Wayne learned of grants that can provide financial startups. Schumacher appointed Wayne, Hildreth and himself to spearhead this committee.

Agreements/ Contracts-

See attachment – Burrer motioned to accept the report of Conservation Plans/EQIP/CPO's. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Reports

Hildreth- Reported that on July 8th the district received a phone call from Ohio E.P.A. informing us that they received an anonymous complaint of an animal waste entering a tributary of the Whetstone. It was determined that the location was the Fred Stimpert farm operation of S.R. 603. Hildreth arrived at Stimperts to meet EPA and Fred. It was quickly dismissed that the brackish effluent was not of animal origin and that the problem is associated with a failed family septic system. EPA filed a report that informed the Richland County Health Department of this failed system. The Stimperts were encouraged to ask for a CNMP Plan form our office that can improve some of the management practices associated with confinement swine and beef operation.

Urban Technician Position- Burrer motioned to offer Tony Studer a full time position with the district as an Urban Technician. Tony will be offered an annual gross salary of \$27,000 with paid hospitalization. Tony will enter into a 6-month probationary period. Upon successfully accomplishing the probationary period; Tony will be offered a \$1,000 step increase to his gross annual income. This offer is pending a driver's license review and successfully passing a pre-employment drug screen. If Tony accepts the offer, the District Administrator and Tony will determine when the start date begins. If Tony declines the offer, the District Administrator is to report to the board and begin the process of recruiting. Winger seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Weirick motioned to adjourn the board meeting at 10:35 p.m.. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Weirick aye; Burrer aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Chairman

Secretary

Recorded Minutes

Attachment

Employee Balances June 2005

	An. Leave	Sick Leave	Comp Time
Hildreth	316.4	1320.55	12
Christian	60.9	679.69	14.03
Brandt	264.23	391.35	23.975
Kelley	289.60	1257.08	16.50
Thomas	86.0	253.59	9.375

Chairman

Secretary