

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District held their **Regular July Board Meeting** on the 12th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. located at 1495 West Longview Ave. Mansfield, Ohio.

Schumacher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following in attendance, Wayne Weirick, Roger Cook, Clark Hutson, John Hildreth, Bonnie Thomas, and Gary Mathes. Winbigler absent.

Secretary Report –Weirick motioned to accept June’s minutes as typed. Cook seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Winger arrived at 7:05

Financials-

Cook motioned to approve July’s District Fund of 9 transactions totaling \$3,974.05 (check # 4189- 4197), July’s Special Fund of 18 transactions totaling \$11,062.62, and to accept CPA’s June report as printed. Winger seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Old Business

District Scholarship Program– Winger reviewed the report from the education committee meeting and asked for the boards input. Cook motioned to award 1 \$1,000 or 2 \$500 scholarships in 2008 at the discretion of the board. Weirick seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

2007 Internal Audit- Clark Hutson reviewed the report from his 2007 internal audit along with his recommendations with the Board.

State Budget- Clark Hutson reviewed the process used on figuring state match. Richland County’s state match is 96% for 2007.

Web Site Visit- Thomas and Hildreth reviewed the districts web site with the Board.

Stormwater Permit Hours- Hildreth reported Codes & permits are extending their hours on Monday’s till 6:00 p.m. to accommodate the public. Currently the extended hours are in effect till the end of August to see if it is effective. Tony will be working till 6:00 p.m. on Mondays so the district office can expand hours.

Village of Lexington- Stormwater MOU- Cook motioned for the district to enter into agreement with the Village of Lexington. Weirick seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Composting Tour - Hildreth reported Price Composting has September 12th or 13th open in the morning for the Board to tour the facility. The board chose Wednesday September 12th. Hildreth will contact Price to schedule.

Creation of COG- Hildreth reported he would like to see 2 Board members on the Council of Governments. Hildreth suggested the board start thinking of who else they would like to see on the COG. Hildreth also suggested the Board to consider hiring John Burton has attorney.

Forestry Award- Winger motioned to select Joe Arnold for the 2007 Forestry Award. Weirick seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook abstained; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 3-0.

2007 Educator of the Year- Winger motioned to select Ron & Deb Reed of the Mohican School of Outdoors as the 2007 Educator of the Year. Cook seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Agreements- Cook motioned to approve 2 CRP contracts for Jim McCarron. Weirick seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Reports-

County Fair- Hildreth reported the district is expanding the area for more displays. Some of the displays this year are Animal Skulls and Prints Contest, Conservationist of the Year, Rain Gauge Program, and Fish Program. Fair is 3 weeks away.

Annual Meeting- Thomas updated the Board

Rain gauging program- Hildreth gave update of program. It is expected to be publicly announced in a month.

Malabar Farm Foundation Quicken Assistance- Cook motioned to provide Malabar Farm Foundation assistance with financial record keeping. Weirick seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger abstained. Motion passed 3-0.

Gary- Updated the Board on Bill Bierly. Bill installed an impervious pipe around the tank. Water will still drain into pond.

Hildreth- Reviewed complaint of tree sale customer and his response to Board.

Winger- Sunday he and Diane went to a lavender farm near Akron, it was very interesting.

Roger- Went to Tennessee over the 4th of July with a friend. Noticed a lot of people there are raising goats.

Jerry- Wheat is off, good test weight. Beans growing things are moving along. Asked if the District has done anything with Mark Fry. Per Gary, District hasn't done anything yet except the initial work this spring. He will get cost share.

Cook motioned to enter into executive session at 9:15 to discuss personnel and to include Hildreth and Hutson. Weirick seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 p.m. Winger seconded the motion. Weirick aye; Cook aye; Schumacher aye; Winger aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman

Secretary

Recorded Minutes