

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

Schumacher called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following in attendance, Wayne Weirick, Roger Cook, Bob Winbigler, John Hildreth, Bonnie Thomas, and Diana Kelley. Winger arrived 7:05 p.m.

**Secretary Report** –Weirick motioned to accept the February minutes as typed. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**Financials** – Winbigler motioned to approve March's District Fund of 6 transactions totaling \$1,500.71 (check # 4154 - 4160), March's Special Fund of 23 transactions totaling \$10,552.56 and to accept CPA's February report as printed. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Hildreth reviewed financial obligation report of employee leave balances with Board

## **Old Business**

**Bill Bierly Update** – Hildreth reviewed with Board letter he sent in response to McKown's proposed settlement agreement with 2 additions. No action taken.

## **New Business**

**Candidate Interview Process-** Cook motioned to schedule a special board meeting to select, hire and establish a wage for the Public Event Coordinator position on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM at the Longview Center. Winger and Weirick will interview one candidate at the Kehoe Center at 2:00 PM. The Board is empowering those attending the special board meeting to discuss and establish a wage for the selected candidate. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**Tree Planter Rental Program & Storage**–Hildreth discussed the potential problems with novice users and storing the tree planters off site somewhere during off season. The Board will review after tree planting season. No action taken.

**Sunflower Sign-** Hildreth discussed donating the sign to an agency that can use it. Board agreed. No action taken.

**Administrator's Time Off-** Winger motioned to allow John Hildreth to take annual leave as needed in April and May. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

## **Policies for Approval**

**Animal Waste-** Winbigler motioned to accept policy as submitted with revision. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**District Clothing**– Cook motioned to accept the policy as written. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Cook motioned to create a committee to search for candidates for upcoming election. Schumacher and Cook will head up the committee and report at the June Board Meeting. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

## Reports-

**SWIMS - APO-** Thomas reviewed with the Board the APO was input into SWIMS.

**Rain Gauge Program-** Hildreth reported he spoke at a HAM operator meeting on Friday March 2<sup>nd</sup> with 40 in attendance. The next task is to create a volunteer base to tap from. District's Web site person will create a site for spreadsheet data information.

**Realtors Workshop-** Hildreth reported Tim Brandt has created a workshop and will speaking to the Realtors Association on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Brant will utilize a power point presentation and handouts that ties into the Stormwater Program and permitting process. Realtor will earn credit toward their license requirements.

**Watershed Mini Grant-** The district was approved for a mini camp grant form ODNR for \$500.

**5% Spot Check-** Hildreth reported yearly a quality assurance person form NRCS pulls 5% of Matt's work to check accuracy and make sure it was applied.

**Trimble GPS Units-** Hildreth reported when tested the unit had a hard time with line and wording. They are now confident they have resolved the issue and the District has requested they return for another demonstration.

**Nut Planter-** Jerry will take trailer to Randy Eisenhauer

**Policy Book Review -** After conducting the interviews at the Special Board Meeting the Board will start reviewing the policy contents and can finish at the April Board Meeting

**Kelley-** Passed out programming schedule

Hildreth reported the office lease with the county had expired and a new lease needs Board signature. There are no changes. Weirick motioned to accept new 3 year lease with County Commissioners. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Hildreth reported on Conservation Easements stating Eric Miller doesn't think there is any longevity to them unless they are government owned

**Schumacher-** Reported the NACD Convention & hotel was nice and enjoyable. Ethanol and farm bill were big topics. Good break out sessions. Really enjoyed the farmers market.

**Weirick-** Both resolutions were passed at the Columbus meeting

**Winger-** Thanked everyone for cards and flowers

Weirick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler; Winger aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 5-0.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Recorded Minutes