

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District held their **Regular June Board Meeting** on the 12th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. located at 1495 West Longview Ave. Mansfield, Ohio.

Wayne Weirick called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following in attendance, Bob Winbigler, Charles Winger, John Hildreth, Bonnie Thomas, and Shannon Strahin. Jerry Schumacher absent.

Secretaries Report - Winbigler moved to resend April's motion to be a \$500 sponsor of the Richland County TWIN Program due to scheduling conflicts. Winger seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Weirick aye. Motion passed. 3-0.

Winbigler motioned to accept April's minutes as adjusted. Winger seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Weirick aye. Motion passed. 3-0.

Financials – Winger motioned to approve May's District Fund of 5 transactions totaling \$5,063.90 (check # 4274-4278), May's Special Fund of 19 transactions totaling \$9,602.20, June's District Fund of 4 transaction totaling \$7,572.71 (check # 4279-4282), June's Special Fund of 16 transactions totaling \$13,589.49 and to accept CPA's March, April and May reports as printed. Winbigler seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Weirick aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Winbigler motioned to order 1,000 more promotional pad & pen packets. Winger seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Weirick aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Winger motioned to increase the District Administrators spending cap without Board approval from \$500 to \$700. Winbigler seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Weirick aye. Motion passed 3-0.

Cook arrived at 7:15 and took over as Board Chairman

Old Business-

Background Checks- Winbigler motioned to obtain BCI background checks on new employee's, and volunteers who will have regular contact with minors. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Winger aye; Weirick aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Long Range Plan- Winbigler moved to approve the Long Range Plan as written. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Scholarship Program Committee Structure- Winger motioned to move the July 10th Board Meeting to July 17th, at 7 p.m. Winbigler seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Winger moved to resend the motion to move the July 10th Board Meeting to July 17th at 7:00 p.m. and to hold it on July 10th at 7 p.m. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Winger motioned to allow the Scholarship Committee, which includes Wayne Weirick, Charles Winger, Diana Kelley and John Hildreth to select the District Scholarship recipient on behalf of the Board. Winbigler second the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Creating Business 501c3- Winbigler motioned to allow John Hildreth to proceed with the 501c3 application. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

2009 Operating Budget- Hildreth reported he submitted the preliminary 2009 budget to the County Commissioners.

Carbon Sequestration- Winbigler motioned to plan and schedule a Carbon Sequestration workshop in early winter. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Agreements-none to report

Reports

Tree Sale- Thomas reviewed the 2008 tree seedling sale report with Board.

Truck Repair- Hildreth reported Diana Kelley was involved in an accident with the red truck and education trailer. The truck was repaired at Pro Auto Body.

2008 Budget Update- Weirick and Hildreth updated the Board on the 2008 budget. The commissioners don't have a good understanding of the Districts need to have an engineer certify plans. According to the county commissioners funding is tight.

District Conservativonist- Thomas reported Jason Ruhl is the new DC for Richland County. He will be starting the last week in July. Wendell's last day was Wednesday and someone will be coming in to cover until Jason starts. Jason will be having a part-time assistant from the Ashland office to help out.

Willow Sub Division-Hildreth reported a Schultz purchased a property in the Willow Sub Division which included a retention basin for the allotment. She received some wrong advice and information and proceeded with clearing the trees and breeched the dam of the basin. It still is not clear who is in charge of the sub-division, however County Engineer feels the Storm water Manager should be involved. A meeting was held with Jim Lichtenwalter, County Engineer, Tim Brandt, Tony Studer, Wayne Weirick and Hildreth. Guidelines for future issues will be developed. Landowner was ordered to put the retention pond back to how it was.

College Intern- Shannon Strahin introduced herself to the Board. She is currently in her 3rd year at OSU majoring in Environmental Policy and Management. Shannon will assist Tony with Phase II program.

Bellville Nut Planter Project- Winbigler motioned to donate the District Nut Planter to the Village of Lexington. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Weirick motioned to enter into executive session for personnel reasons. Hildreth was asked to stay and Thomas was excused. Winbigler seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Regular Board Meeting reconvened at 9:55.

Winger excused himself at 9:55.

Winbigler motioned to proceed with employing a PE to fill the pending vacancy of Brandt. The Board will advertise a special meeting on July 10th at 6:00 p.m. to interview applicants and then proceed into regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m. Weirick seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Weirick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Winbigler seconded the motion. Winbigler aye; Weirick aye; Winger aye; Cook aye. Motion passed 4-0.

Chairman

Secretary

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