

The Richland Soil & Water Conservation District held their **Regular March Board Meeting** on the 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. located at 1495 West Longview Ave. Mansfield, Ohio.

Jerry Schumacher called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the following in attendance, Roger Cook, Wayne Weirick, John Hildreth, Bonnie Thomas, Justin Armintrout and visitor Diana Kelley. Charles Winger was absent.

**Secretaries Report** - Cook motioned to accept the February minutes as typed. Weirick seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

**Financials** – Cook motioned to accept March District Fund of 12 transactions totaling \$3,652.85 (check # 4254-4265), March Special Fund of 19 transactions totaling \$11,855.65, and to accept CPA's February report as printed. Schumacher seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 3-0.

### **Old Business**

**Financial Audit**- Thomas reported the date changed from April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> for the Districts Financial Audit.

Winbigler arrived at 7:22 p.m.

**GPS Vehicle Tracking**- per Board discussion tabled till June's meeting and requested John give them an updated report at that time.

**Activate District Scholarship**- Weirick motioned to award 1- \$1,000 District Scholarship. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 4-0.

### **New Business**

**5% Spot Checks**- Justin Armintrout Interim District Conservationist introduced himself to the Board. Justin reported NRCS randomly pulls 5% of the practices installed and reviews. Main problem has been silt. Justin commented Matt and Jeff LeFever have been very helpful. Justin also reported on the CSP Program.

**Copier**- Winbigler motioned to approve the District entering into a new 5-year lease agreement with Gordon Flesch for the purchase of a new copier. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**College Intern**- Cook motioned to grant the Districts 2008 summer college intern a \$2,000 scholarship. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**Job Descriptions**- Weirick motioned to accept the Environmental Education Coordinator and Administrative & Public Relations Coordinator job descriptions as written. Winbigler seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 4-0.

**Long Range Plan-** Hildreth requested for each Board Member to consider where they would like to see the District in the next five years and to report at next months Board Meeting.

**Erie Basin RC&D-** Hildreth reported Mike Patterson is the new Administrator for Erie Basin RC&D. Recently the District hasn't been very active with them. Currently Jerry is our Districts Representative. The next meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup> in Norwalk.

**Conservation Family Award** – Board reviewed award criteria and gave a recommendation of John Scherer.

**Conservationist of the Year-** Board is in the beginning process of selecting nominee.

**Forestry Scholarship** – Winbigler motioned to award 6- \$250.00 Forestry Scholarships for 2008. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 4-0.

## **Reports**

**Contracts-**Hildreth reported he signed two contracts on behalf of the Board for David Shepherd. One was an EQIP filter strip for 1.33 acres and a CRP for 13.6 acres.

**Jerry-** Reported he would like to see Rain Garden information in the next District Newsletter and a link on the Web Site.

**Bob-** Reported he is working on Board Nominees for upcoming election.

**2008 NACD Annual Meeting** – Wayne and Jerry reported that land preservation was one of the topics and it was a good meeting, a lot of good information.

Weirick motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Cook seconded the motion. Cook aye; Weirick aye; Winbigler aye; Schumacher aye. Motion passed 4-0.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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Recorded Minutes