

LaSalle County Soil & Water Conservation District
July 2, 2007

The LaSalle County SWCD board meeting was held at the USDA Service Center, 1691 North 31st Road, Ottawa, IL. JoAnn Adams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Directors present were: JoAnn Adams, Dennis Ford, and Tage Shumway. Brian Atherton arrived at 7:50 p.m. Ruth Capsel arrived at 8:17 p.m.

June financial statements and bills to be paid: Motion to approve – Tage Shumway; Second – Dennis Ford. Motion Carried.

June timesheets for Ruth Anthe and Vicki Heath: Motion to approve: – Dennis Ford; Second – Tage Shumway. Motion Carried.

June board meeting minutes were approved as corrected. Under chairman's report the name should be Doug Harford. Motion –Dennis Ford; Second – Tage Shumway. Motion Carried.

Chair Report – JoAnn reported that there were 15 people at the District's summer picnic. She thanked Tage Shumway for mowing the Rasmusen property.

Public Information/Education – JoAnn reported that there are currently 15 people signed up for Ladies' Day. Representative Pritchard and Senator Dahl are expected to attend. The event will be held July 19th with a bus tour of practices and three speakers. Activity Day is schedule for September 19th at Shabbona Park. The students will be assigned to a yellow or blue group with each group having five 15 minutes sessions before lunch. There will be two 30 minute sessions after lunch. Sue Hughes led a tour of the Sandy Ford area at the last NAG's meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for July 22 at Humiston Woods at 2:00 p.m. A response to Ruth Capsel's letter was received from IDNR stating that materials are available but must be shipped at the District's expense.

Soils Committee –The drainage workshop was a success with excellent speakers.

Water Committee – None.

Habitat Committee – None.

Prime Farmland Committee –Brian attended a zoning meeting at Mendota HS.

Prairie Rivers RC&D – The Annual RC&D meeting was held in Pontiac with a tour of the land fill.

Vermilion River Committee Report – None.

County Board Development Committee – None.

RC Report – Report attached. Vicki presented two LESA reports for approvable: Schnable/Rutland Twp – approved by a Brian Atherton/Dennis Ford motion; Enoch/Dayton Twp – approved by a Tage Shumway/Brian Atherton motion. A Dennis Ford/Tage Shumway motion approved well sealing projects for Sherwood Jackson and tom Salz with maximum payments of \$300 each. Bills totaling \$1917.30 for Junior Thomas' terrace project has been submitted to the Dept of Ag for payment approval. A cost share funding request was received for FY2008. It was decided that Vick submit a request for \$40,000 to fund cost share projects in the next fiscal year.

Office Report - Report attached.

NRCS Report – Reports attached. John Garrity attended a FRB meeting in Earlville where he learned that the LaSalle County FRB project has raised \$71,000 in funds in the past three years. Kevin Nelson invited everyone to Randy Rosengren's farm on July 14 at 9:30 a.m. Kevin is hosting Kim Hong, a Cambodian who assists with a FRB project in this country.

Old Business: NRCS Contribution Agreement - The \$14,900 district share agreement was approved by a Dennis Ford/Brian Atherton motion.

New Business

A Ruth Capsel/Brian Atherton motion approved donating \$50 to the NACD building renovation fund. The check will be issued when further information comes from AISWCD.

Summer Conference Resolutions:

- #1 Support – Dennis Ford/Ruth Capsel motion.
- #2 Support – Tage Shumway/Brian Atherton motion.
- #3 Support – Tage Shumway/Brian Atherton motion. Dennis Ford opposed.
- #4 Support - Dennis Ford/Brian Atherton motion.
- #5 Nay Vote – Ruth Capsel/Dennis Ford motion.

Comprehensive Plan Meeting: Vicki attended the meeting in Grand Ridge. There were approximately 30 people at the meeting who found tourism and farmland protection as the two most important items in the county.

County Committee Election – Greg Missal said the FSA is looking for nominations for a candidate from area #1 (southern part of the county) to run for a position on the FSA County Committee.

LTD and STD Insurance – tabled for discussion at the August meeting.

John Garrity said the district will set up an un-manned booth at the Sandwich Fair.

A Brian Atherton/Tage Shumway motion adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is **August 6, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.**

Dennis Ford, Secretary/Treasurer

JoAnn Adams, Chairman

Attendance:

Directors: JoAnn Adams, Brian Atherton, Ruth Capsel, Dennis Ford, Tage Shumway
Associate Directors: Greg Missal, Kevin Nelson, Diana Rod, Kay Schlesinger
NRCS Staff: John Garrity
District Staff: Ruth Anthe, Vicki Heath