

**Board of Directors**  
March Meeting  
March 8, 2011, 2011

Directors in Attendance: Myron Kirby, Chairman; Randy Dean, Treasurer/Secretary; Della Cooper, Director, Randy Molitoris, Director

Associate Directors in Attendance: Don Prather

Staff in Attendance: Shelley Finfrock, Resource Conservationist; Doug Peters, District Conservationist; Sondra Baker, Administrative Coordinator, Jonah Cooley, Intern, Terre Zeigler, CREP Assistant

Chairman Kirby called the meeting to order at 8:06am

**APPROVALS**

Review of February minutes: Della C. motions to approve February minutes as written, Randy M., seconded. Vote to approve is unanimous.

Review of February financials: Della C. motions to approve the financials, seconded by Randy D. Vote to approve is unanimous.

Organization of the board was brought to the floor for discussion and decision: Della C. Motioned to appoint Myron K. as Chairman, Randy M. as Vice Chairman, and Randy D. as Secretary and Treasurer, seconded by Randy D. Vote to approve is unanimous.

**REPORTS**

Doug Peters, DC gives report – See Attached

Shelley Finfrock, RC gives report –

1. Annual meeting was a success and everyone really enjoyed our speaker Mary Conatser.

Sondra Baker, AC gives report –

1. Please see attached report.
2. LUC 6 meeting awaiting answer from other districts about date to have the meeting.

Terre Zeigler, CREP coordinator gives Report – See Attached

Joe Bybee, Regional Representative gives Report –

1. Transect surveys will be coming up this year and will give us a low bar of worst case scenario on how erosion and tillage has affected us this year.
2. Cost Share Programs; the goal is to take the program and to come up with a new computer program that will cover everything wants the information is put into the system so reports can be processed easily. If it works out the program could be up and running by 1 year from July 1, 2011.
3. Prevailing Wages; it is our responsibility to point out that a program or project falls under prevailing wages it's up to the contractor to take care of it though. It would be a good idea to have them sign something stating that they have been made aware that it is up to the contractor.
4. Budget; the Bureau has been supporting counties with consolidations but is not at this point pushing for that to happen. The trend does not look good for districts at this point so it is probably time for all 98 districts to come together and form a plan to push forward and work to get the funding that is needed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Annual Meeting we had a great meal provided and an excellent speaker people really enjoyed it. We may be looking next year to have an evening meeting to draw more people out to get involved.
2. LUC 6 both dates have been sent out to the other districts and we are waiting to see which dates will work. We have reserved both dates at Ted's until we know more.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. February Minutes were reviewed and accepted in the approvals.
2. February Financials were reviewed and accepted in the approvals.
3. The organization of the board was reviewed and the new places were appointed in the approvals.
4. February Conservation catchalls were reviewed by board and staff.
5. BLWR was reviewed by board and staff.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 12th at 8am.

Randy M. motions to adjourn, motion seconded by Randy D. Vote to adjourn is unanimous. Meeting is adjourned at 10:23 AM., Vote to approve unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Randy Dean, Secretary, Treasurer  
By: Sondra Baker, AC

# Dewitt County SWCD Board Meeting

## 3/09/2011

### NRCS Board Report

- Layout, Survey, Design (Spring)
  - Tom Ryan, Sharon Ryan, Dan Ferguson, Terry Coomer, Dennis Powers (2X), Jones Brothers, Virgil Dasher, Martina Gustafson (x3), **Bob Hill, Cody Ketelsen, Bob Turney, Steve Westfall**
  
- Programs
  - EQIP/WHIP
    - Payments
      - Bob Doenitz -TSI
  
    - F.Y. 2011 Sign-up (Feb 18.)
    - Total Obligations \$57,689.00
    - Pending Contracts \$13,721.00
      - Contracts (EQIP)
        - Danny Ferguson -Waterways
        - Terry Coomer - Waterways
        - Gary Jewett - TSI
        - Maple Lawn Farms - TSI
        - Doug Tilley - FMP
        - Terry Poppe - TSI
        - Virgil Dasher - Waterways
      - Contracts (WHIP)
        - Dave Herzog -Prairie/Shrub Planting
  
  - CRP
    - General CRP Sign up
      - March 14-April 15
    - CREP
      - 6 applications so far
        - 136.6 potential acres
  
    - Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)
      - 2 potential applicants

Administrative Coordinator Report  
March 8th, 2011  
Sondra Baker

**NRCS**

- Mailings
- Check in 1026's and CRP Maps, Plats & Enviro Worksheets
- Eco Cat
- CPA-52's
- Wetland Maps
- Cultural Resources
- Native Grass Seeding forms and letters.
- Tool Kit and ARC
- Updates for Civil Rights Binder

**CREP**

- CREP mapping
- Created new CREP coordinator map and added all coordinators to their areas.
- Printed and created soils maps from toolkit and ARC maps for CREP.

**Other Duties**

- Envirothon meeting in Piatt County to prepare for the April 6<sup>th</sup> Envirothon.
  - Dewitt County will be providing the food and billing the other counties to split the costs.
  - Called about T-shirts
  - Tracking the schools who will participate and the number of students
  - Sent off the permit form to Weldon Springs.
- Phone calls and email
- Calendar Updates
- Typed Minutes for monthly meeting.

- Tree Sale
  - Processed orders
  - \$553.00 in orders to this point.
  - Sale ends March 11<sup>th</sup>
  - Faxed reminder about sale ending to media on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Fish Sale
  - Processed orders
  - Turned in Carp permit information to Logan Hollow.
  - \$1068 in orders.
  - Sale ended the 4<sup>th</sup> but may receive a few strays before order turn in on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - Faxed reminder about sale ending to media on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Recon work.
- Annual Meeting
  - Prepared and mailed sponsor thank you letters.
  - Typed the minutes and inserted into annual report for next year.
- Prepared agenda, board report and all copies for monthly board meeting.

## CREP COORDINATOR MONTHLY REPORT

Terre Zeigler

March 2011

1. Distributed 31 items to 24 SWCDs as requested at training.
2. Coordinated with IT's Garcia to order CREP laptop, prepared sales request, got approval from IDNR, received then installed with NRCS software.
3. Reviewed 10 Renee Lo farms for CREP eligibility in Piatt and Champaign Counties.
4. Piatt County CREP: research & prep enrollments for: Kleven, Stoddard, Lo, Nisely, Tipsword
5. Daily communications with Valerie Njapa
6. Set up Reports for 2011
7. Assisted CREP Coordinators: Kim, Gene, Sue, Sarah
8. Met with PF Beltz with 2 CREP leads in DeWitt County
9. Reconcile EPA stamps from marketing program
10. Training in Nashville, IL for lower Kaskaskia – 8 SWCDs attended = 14 people
11. Training in Vandalia, IL for upper Kaskaskia – 12 SWCDs attended = 18 people
12. Champaign County CREP: research and prep enrollments for: Luster, Lo
13. Schedule Kaskaskia Training and CC Training for March
14. Emails and document distribution to 14 SWCDs
15. 1 week off for vacation, 1 holiday, 2 snow days
16. Coordinated and planned 6 public meetings: Coles, Effingham, St. Clair, Clinton, Douglas/Moultrie, Washington
17. Prepared spreadsheets for IDNR for 4 Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Macon, Piatt
18. Assisted with enrollments in Coles, Peoria, Bond and Shelby Counties
19. Presented a public meeting in Clinton County
20. Wrote enrollment and all documentation for permanent easement in Clinton Co – Voss
21. Macon Co CREP assistance: Schnepf