

January 24, 2019

SWCD Office

Supervisors Present: Mark Jordan, Kyler Laid, Derek Luchik, Lana Zimmer, and Mark Kingma

Supervisors Absent:

Staff Present: Sheila Schroeder

Associates Present:

Partners Present: Kevin Shide

Citizens Present:

I. Call to Order

Chairman Kyler Laird called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm CST.

II. Minutes from Previous Meeting

The minutes from December were presented for review. Derek noted that Erica Luchik is the Regional Specialist for SICIM, not for RC&D. She will largely be working in a 10 county area, including Jasper County. Mark J. motioned to approve minutes as corrected. Lana seconded. Minutes approved with correction.

III. Treasurer's Report, Claims

Discussion was held about making more deposit accounts in Quickbooks to show the deposits esp. for county reimbursements and which accounts they come from. Salary amount paid to the county was explained – we have a credit with the county for the grant salaries.

The treasurer's report and claims in the amount of \$31,732.58 for December were presented for approval. Lana motioned to approve the reports and claims and Derek seconded. Motion carried. Reports will be filed for audit.

IV. Next Meeting Schedule

Meetings will regularly occur on the 4th Thursday of each month at 3 pm. Next meeting February 28. Sheila will let partners know, such as Ben Eaton, Geneva Tyler.

V. Correspondence

REMC – recycle day, table till next time

Pheasants Forever – Lana made a motion for Derek and a guest to attend the annual dinner meeting and Mark K. seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Healthy Soils

No report.

VII. Water Management

VIII. KRBC – Mark K. reported. Recent research shows the Kankakee is stable. The Yellow River is adding sand to the river, and the Kankakee erodes more and more trying to remove the sand. The KRBC right now is made up of county surveyor, one commissioner from each of 8

counties (Jim Walstra for Jasper) and one representative from SWCD for each county – 24 people. They want to reduce it to 9 people because nothing is being accomplished. County commissioners of each county will designate one person to be on there – if that person is not the surveyor, the surveyor will still be put in in an advisory role, rather than a voting role. The KRBC will be renamed Kankakee River Basin Development Commission. The bill to make these changes passed out of committee 1/16. Mark distributed Bob Barr’s report for everyone to review. He will try to get an electronic copy of the report.

IX. Land Use and Development

No report.

X. District Development

Administrative Committee: Policies have been developed and presented to the Board. Lana made a motion to approve the lunch policy as presented. Derek seconded. Motion approved. Employee Board Communication – Mark J. moves that we accept the policy regarding employee/board communication, outlining which documents will be presented monthly at board meetings. Lana seconded. Motion approved. Mark J. moved to accept comp/flex time policy that clarifies county policy, Derek seconded. Motion approved. Lana moved to approve out of office policy that limits monthly out of office activities unless approved by Board Chair. Mark J. seconded. Motion approved. Mark J. moved to accept travel policy that adds clarity to county handbook on district employee’s travel. Mark K. seconded. Motion approved. Courthouse/county government communications were discussed; database/documentation was discussed; annual plan of work improvement was discussed.

Education Center – no report from Fair Board as of yet about cover crop boxes. Check with Lou Nagel to see if they check on the buildings during winter or not. Make sure we do monthly “well checks” of building.

Annual Meeting – Sheila will work on invitation list ASAP – officials, 319 people, LARE, infield, Notre Dame project, extension, associate supervisors.

XI. Agency/Partner Reports

NRCS – NRCS will continue to work on programs throughout the shutdown. Farm bill has passed and has a bump up in conservation spending, but Kevin doesn’t know the details yet.

ISDA – No report.

XII. Other Business

Lana made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mark K. Chairman Kyler Laird adjourned the meeting at 4:09 p.m.

Minutes approved

Respectfully submitted _____ Sheila Schroeder