



Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Logan County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes 12/12/2019

The September-October-November-December 2019 meeting of the Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District Board was held on December 12, 2019 in the Lincoln USDA Service Center at 1650 5th Street, Lincoln, Illinois.

Directors present were: Doug Thompson-Chairman, Cheryl Baker-Vice Chairperson, Dean Sasse-Sec.-Treas., Kent Kleinschmidt and Dave Allspach.

District staff present: Steve Bracey, RC

NRCS staff: Jamie Thompson – Soil Conservationist (SC)

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 A.M. by Chairman Thompson.

Secretary Report: Board members reviewed the minutes from the August 15, 2019 board meeting. Cheryl Baker moved to approve the minutes. Dean Sasse seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report: Board members reviewed the balance sheet and general ledger for August-September-October-November and December to date. All financial statements were emailed previously. Cheryl Baker moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Dave Allspach seconded. The motion was approved.

Correspondence: IDOA Crop Insurance premium discount program for cover crops was reviewed.

Staff reports: Jamie Thompson, SC, reviewed her written report. She completed the FY19 CRP enrollment workload. 80 contracts were enrolled for sign-up 52. Conservation plans, schedule of operations, job sheets and planning documentation was completed by the September 30th deadline. She has also been busy with area training and reviewing EQIP and CSP contracts. She also completed the annual Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) report for Logan County. CRP is opening this month and webinar training is planned for December 18th. A written copy of her report will be put on file.

Steve Bracey, RC, reviewed his written report with the Board. He reported that he has been working on waterway designs for CRP and state cost share. He has completed all the survey work on the CRP waterway workload for FY19 and all the work has been vouchered to AISWCD for reimbursement through the contribution agreement. He has started work on the contracts due to expire September 30, 2020. Some construction has been completed but the late harvest and wet weather has had a negative effect. Steve has submitted all the financial reports to IDOA and the Comptroller's office. He has also attended IDOA training and recent training through the AISWCD. A copy of his written report will be put on file.

Old Business:

- A. NRCS Contribution Agreement Update – CRP workload that expires in September 2020 is down considerably from 2019. There are only 19 waterway contracts totaling 23.6 acres. Our contribution

agreement funding will be much less than FY19. Expected revenue will most likely be less than \$10,000. Also, as of October 1, 2020, Steve will be required to be a certified planner to write conservation plan of operations for CRP. This will not affect his engineering job approval or his ability to design structural practices.

- B. IDOA FY20 allocation update – We have a signed grant agreement with IDOA for \$40,731 for operations and \$10,000 for the state cost share program. No funding has been received but is hopefully expected in the spring of 2020.
- C. State Cost Share program – Steve reported 5 applications had been previously approved for Nancy Puls, Don Peasley, Hubert Rankin, Rick McKown and Kathryn Thompson. Nancy Puls application has cancelled and Steve will be ranking the balance of the applicants that were not previously funded along with a couple of late applications.

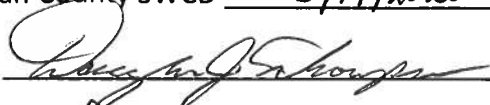
New Business:

- a. Time Sheets – Cheryl Baker reviewed Steve’s time sheets. Dave Allspach moved to approve the time sheets as reviewed. Kent Kleinschmidt seconded. Motion was approved.
- b. 2020 General Election – The Board discussed dates and selected February 6, 2020 as the date to hold the general election. All directors signed the petition to hold an election.
- c. Appoint a nominating committee - Kent Kleinschmidt moved to appoint John Adams, Doug Martin and Maralee Boerma to the nominating committee. Dean Sasse seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- d. CRP Update – The Conservation Reserve Program opened on December 9th. A general sign-up (competitive sign up) is available until February 28th while a continuous sign up will be ongoing for filter strips, grass waterways, wetland restoration and tree practices. Staff will have a training webinar on December 18th.
- e. Conservation Cropping seminars – Closest seminar is in Bloomington on January 22, 2020.
- f. Solar Farm Plans for Logan County – Steve reviewed the information from IDOA for potential plans for a solar farm in the county. Board members were surprised that neither the Logan County Board or the Zoning Board had any knowledge of such plans.
- g. Civil Rights Responsibilities Checklist – Board members reviewed the civil rights responsibilities checklist for FY20 and signed the affirmation of review form.
- h. RC contract – Steve’s contract expires December 31, 2019. Dean Sasse moved to extend Steve’s contract to June 30, 2020. Dave Allspach seconded. The motion carried.

Adjournment: Dean Sasse motioned to adjourn the meeting and Kent Kleinschmidt seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25AM by Chairman Thompson.

Minutes compiled by Steve Bracey, Resource Conservationist

Approved by Logan County SWCD 3/17/2020

Presiding Officer 

Sec.-Treasurer 