



Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District
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Logan County SWCD Board Meeting Minutes 11/29/2018

The September - October - November, 2018 meeting of the Logan County Soil and Water Conservation District Board was held on November 29, 2018 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: Hal Pyle- District Conservationist (DC) and Jamie Thompson – Soil Conservationist (SC)

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 A.M. by Chairman Thompson.

Secretary Report: Board members reviewed the minutes from the August 30, 2018 board meeting. Cheryl Baker moved to approve the minutes. David Allspach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

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

Staff reports: Jamie Thompson, SC, has been working this fall on 3 new EQIP contracts and 7 new CSP contracts. She has also been busy with contract management on 26 active CSP clients as well as working on CSP renewals for FY19. She assisted with the FFA Soils Judging contest that was hosted by Mt. Pulaski High School on the land owned by the Allspach family. She participated in a Women Caring for Land Circle Group at the Sugar Grove Nature Center. A written copy of her report will be put on file.

Steve Bracey reviewed his written report with the Board. He reported that 9 projects were completed this fall and he has completed the survey work on 43 acres of waterway for 2019. He has also been working on the new contribution agreement proposal numbers, State cost share program, soils judging contest and grant agreement documents. A copy of his written report will be put on file.

Hal Pyle, DC, discussed the District grouping (Logan, Sangamon and Menard) situation with the Board. Hal discussed the large CRP workload for the District Group. He will be assisting Logan and Menard with all the filter strip contracts that expire September 30, 2019. He explained that there is no CRP program at this time and we won't know anything until a farm bill is passed. There is a continuing resolution that expires on December 7, 2018. He encouraged the Board to contact him with any concerns or questions.

Correspondence: The Board reviewed a letter from IDOA concerning a study of agricultural impacts for the proposed wind farm in western Logan County – Sugar Creek Wind One LLC. The study determined that IDOA does not object to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity approval of the project.

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Old Business:

- A. NRCS Contribution Update – Steve informed the Board of changes made in the Administrative agreement for CSP and EQIP. Work will be invoiced on an hourly basis. The CRP technical contribution agreement remains the same and Steve submitted a proposal to the Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) for \$27,235 for work to be completed in FY19.
- B. IDOA FY18 Allocation – Steve reported the final allocation of \$61,855.67 has been received.
- C. Cover Crop Program update – Steve informed the Board that one cover crop applicant cancelled because they were unable to apply the practice due to the weather.

New Business:

- a. Time Sheets – Dean Sasse move to approve Steve’s time sheets that Cheryl reviewed. Kent Kleinschmidt seconded. The motion was approved.
- b. 2018 General Election – Kent Kleinschmidt moved to have the General Election on Tuesday, February 5, 2018. Dave Allspach seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The terms of Cheryl Baker and Dean Sasse will expire. The Board signed a petition to hold a general election. Chairman Thompson signed a legal notice for the general election that will be published in the paper.
- c. Nominating Committee – Kent Kleinschmidt moved to appoint John Adams, Maralee Boerma and Aaron Liesman to the nominating committee with John serving as chairman. David Allspach seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- d. CRP contract revision – Dean Sasse moved to approve the contract revision for Allspach Farms FN6155 T1945. Kent Kleinschmidt seconded. The motion was approved.
- e. Comptroller’s Financial Report – David Allspach moved to approve a letter certifying the Board’s approval of the report. Dean Sasse seconded the motion. Steve will file the report as soon as possible.
- f. RC engineering job approval – Steve has an updated engineering job approval (EJA) signed by our area engineer, Steve Hobson, and DC Hal Pyle. Cheryl Baker moved to accept the EJA and have Chairman Thompson sign it for concurrence. David Allspach seconded. The motion was approved.
- g. Budget Update – Steve reviewed the FY18 proposed budget and profit and loss statement with the Board.
- h. RC contract expires 12/31/2018. Cheryl Baker moved to increase Steve’s gross wages to \$64,000 per year starting the first day of January and to extend his contract to June 30, 2019. Kent Kleinschmidt seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
- i. Certificate of Deposit Notice – Steve informed the Board that cd #39582 (\$23,935.40) renewed on 11/23/2018 with a maturity date of 5/24/2019

Adjournment: Dean Sasse motioned to adjourn the meeting and Dave Allspach seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:23AM by Chairman Thompson.

Minutes compiled by Steve Bracey, Resource Conservationist

Approved by Logan County SWCD 3/7/2019

Presiding Officer 

Sec.-Treasurer 