

**MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
December 06, 2011**

Chairman Pro-Tem Ed Weskerna
Acting Secretary Pro-Tem Tom Mattingly

Special note: This meeting was tape recorded.

CALLED TO ORDER by Ed Weskerna, Pro-Tem, at 6:35 p.m. at the SWCD/NRCS Office
in Woodstock, Illinois.

MLCSWCD DIRECTORS PRESENT

Critch Judd
Kenneth Fiske
Orrin Bangert
Gregory Ibeling
Mark Phipps
Don Lloyd
Tom Simpson
Cheryl Doros
Cheena Wade
Sandy Hartogh - 7:05 pm

SWCD STAFF PRESENT

Ed Weskerna, District Manager, RC
Tom Mattingly, UEC Specialist

Directors Absent

None

NRCS STAFF PRESENT

Don McCallon, Assistant State Conservationist
Erika Turner, DC

ASSOCIATES PRESENT

None

GUESTS PRESENT

David Brandt
Richard Hilton

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Ed Weskerna stated that there are currently four officer positions: Chairman; Vice Chairman; Secretary and Treasurer which must be voted on. The remaining six positions are for Directors at large.

Ed Weskerna opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman:

Mark Phipps moved to appoint Critch Judd Chairman. Orrin Bangert seconded the motion. No further nominations. Motion Carried.

Ed Weskerna opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman:

Cheena Wade nominated Tom Simpson for Vice Chairman. Don Lloyd seconded the motion. Critch Judd nominated Gregory Ibeling for Vice Chairman. Orrin Bangert seconded the motion. Kenneth Fiske requested a paper ballot vote. Richard Hilton was selected as teller.

The paper ballot results were four votes for Tom Simpson and five votes for Gregory Ibeling. Motion carried for Gregory Ibeling to be Vice Chairman.

Ed Weskerna opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer:

Critch Judd nominated Orrin Bangert for Treasurer. Mark Phipps seconded the motion. Don Lloyd nominated Sandy Hartogh for Treasurer. Cheena Wade seconded the motion.

Ed Weskerna called for an open vote by a show of hands.

The open vote results were four votes for Sandy Hartogh and five votes for Orrin Bangert. Motion carried for Orrin Bangert to be Treasurer.

Ed Weskerna opened the floor for nominations for Secretary:
Mark Phipps moved to nominate Kenneth Fiske for Secretary. Chenna Wade seconded the motion. No further nominations. Motion carried.

Ed Weskerna relinquished direction of the meeting to newly elected Chairman Critch Judd.

CHANGES (ADDITIONS) TO AGENDA

Kenneth Fiske - Council 16 discussion in Public Participation

MINUTES: PREVIOUS BOARD MEETING

The Minutes of the November 01, 2011 McHenry County SWCD Board Meeting were reviewed. Mark Phipps moved to approve the minutes as reviewed. Orrin Bangert seconded the motion. Motion carried.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

Ed Weskerna reviewed three financial statements prepared by Spring Duffey for Board review. The financial statements were reviewed and discussion ensued. No action was taken.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report of the consolidated district was reviewed by Orrin Bangert. Kenneth Fiske moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Cheena Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Orrin Bangert moved to appoint Ed Weskerna, Resource Conservationist (R/C) and Spring Duffey, Administrative Coordinator (A/C) for the new consolidated District. Cheryl Doros seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR APPOINTMENTS

Don Lloyd moved to appoint the following four people as Associate Directors: Annette Rafferty; Alan Plane; Richard Hilton and David Brandt. Cheryl Doros seconded the motion. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS/TIME SHEET APPROVAL

Don Lloyd moved that the staff reports be accepted. Kenneth Fiske seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ed Weskerna distributed a letter from Turner/Vermont concerning the Directors and Officers Liability insurance. All Directors of the McHenry Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District are listed on the current liability policy.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kenneth Fiske: Reported on the Council 16 meeting. The next Council 16 meeting will be held on February 23, 2012 at 10:00 am in DeKalb County.

Dick Hilton reported on the Nippersink Watershed Association and the future Wonder Lake dredging project.

NATURAL RESOURCE INFORMATION REPORTS

NRI# 11-048-3699 - Concerns of the MLCSWCD Board

Kenneth Fiske moved to accept the NRI with Board comments. Tom Simpson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Weskerna distributed the election petitions to the present Directors.

Election Details: The Election will be held on Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 7:00am – 5:00pm at the District field office in Woodstock, Illinois. There will be Five Director positions available. Any information on any other possible polling places must be submitted to Ed or Spring prior to the next Board meeting. All potential polling places will have to meet the Federal ADA requirement for accessibility.

All present Directors stated that they will petition to and run for office. The length of terms will be determined by each Director prior to the election.

BUDGET

The Directors will select a Budget committee to create the new budget.

MEETING TIME & PLACE

Sandy Hartogh moved to change the meeting time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm. Cheena Wade seconded the motion. Motion carried. The monthly Board meeting will be held at the SWCD/NRCS Field Office in Woodstock, Illinois.

DELTA INSTITUTE MOU

Kenneth Fiske moved to accept the MOU with the Delta Institute. Don Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR COPIER

The Board will wait until the next Board meeting to decide if a service agreement for the copier will be necessary.

NEW DISTRICT LOGO

It was decided to share the idea with a few potential designers and gather information for the next Board meeting.

WEGGE'S FINAL BILL

There were some questions pertaining to the latest bill from Wegge the accountant for services rendered to the Lake County Soil & Water Conservation District prior to the District consolidation. Critch Judd stated that he will contact Wegge to discuss the discrepancy discovered in the bill.

COUNCIL 16 REPRESENTATIVE

Cheryl Doros moved to have Don Lloyd and Kenneth Fiske act as co-representatives for Council 16 until after the next Board election. Sandy Hartogh seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT

Cheryl Doros requested to be reimbursed for her mileage for attending Board meetings at the current Government rate of .555 cents per mile.

Discussion on mileage reimbursement will be tabled until the next Board meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Kenneth Fiske that the Board to go into executive session at 9:16 pm to discuss personnel matters. Don Lloyd seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All Directors voted yes. Motion carried. Directors present in executive session were Critch Judd; Kenneth Fiske; Orrin Bangert; Gregory Ibeling; Mark Phipps; Don Lloyd; Tom Simpson; Cheryl Doros; Cheena Wade and Sandy Hartogh. Critch Judd declared the regular board meeting recessed.

Motion was made by Critch Judd to resume the recessed regular Board meeting at 9:45 pm. Orrin Bangert seconded. Motion carried.

Resumption of open meeting

Mark Phipps moved to increase JoAnne Trues' current salary by the amount of the current retirement contribution granted by the former Lake County Soil & Water Board of Directors with no further contribution to her retirement until the next staff evaluations. Don Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Cheena Wade moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 p.m. Cheryl Doros seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Fiske, Secretary