
North Cook County
Soil & Water
Conservation District

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

899 Jay Street in Elgin

November 19, 2009

(Key: P = Present; E = Excused Absence)

PRESENT:

Directors

P James Singer, Chair
P Bob Murzyn, Vice Chair
E Mark Toberman, Treasurer
P Leo Kinsch; Director
E Deborah Perryman

Associate Directors

E Agnes Wojnarski
E Jay Coleman
E Hart Kargenian

District Staff

P Rick McAndless, Resource Conservationist
P Tonya Canania, Administrative Coordinator

USDA - NRCS

P Jim Rospopo, District Conservationist

CALL TO ORDER:

Jim Singer called the meeting of the board of directors of the North Cook County Soil & Water Conservation District ('District') to order at 7:22 p.m.

MINUTES:

Bob Murzyn motioned to accept the meetings minutes as presented for the October 15th, 2009 District board meeting; seconded by Leo Kinsch.

*Approved.

FINANCIALS:

Reconciliation:

The board was presented with October financial statements and reconciliations for all Illinois Fund accounts held and the October Harris checking account. Leo Kinsch motioned to accept reconciliations for all October IL Fund account statements and October Harris bank checking account; seconded by Bob Murzyn.

*Approved

OLD BUSINESS:

Urban Resource Conservation Programming & Partnerships:

The board discussed resource conservation needs within the District. The board discussed the Locally Led Work Group (LLWG) initiative, changing guidelines and future plans to convene the LLWG for the completion of the survey of local resource conservation needs.

*Ongoing

NEW BUSINESS:

Regional Conservation Organizations' Meeting:

Rick and Tonya reported and discussed with the board their recent conversations with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Agricultural & Rural Affairs Advisor Richard Breckenridge. Staff reported discussing the possibility of a, District hosted, spring gathering of various conservation organizations and watershed partners from the region. The focus of this gathering would be to share ideas, programs and available resources within the region and provide an opportunity for new partnerships to form. Staff will compile a list of prospective attendees and communicate further with Mr. Breckenridge to investigate the feasibility of such an event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bob Murzyn: - Metropolitan Water Reclamation Department of Greater Chicagoland (MWRD) - Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Report: No New Report

Bob discussed with the board the upcoming draft stormwater ordinance public hearings and the deadline for comment submittal.

Leo Kinsch motioned for approval of any Director to attend any of the December 2009 Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicagoland's (MWRD) Draft Stormwater Ordinance (SWO) Public Hearings to support their testimony only regarding any of the previously approved District comments and concerns that have been submitted to MWRD regarding their draft SWO; seconded by Bob Murzyn.

*Approved Board Activity.

Jim Singer & Tonya Canania- Land Use Council 16 (LUC16) Quarterly Board Mtg. Reports: No New Report.

The next LUC16 quarterly board meeting is scheduled for November 20th at 10 a.m. at the DeKalb Co. Farm Bureau building in Sycamore.

Tonya Canania- LUC16 Leadership Outreach Committee: Update

Tonya reported that she received communication from the Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) that indicated that they plan to schedule a Marketing Task Force conference call to discuss the LUC16 marketing idea. Tonya & Rick will attend this call.

Tonya Canania- LUC16 Display Board Design Sub Committee: Tonya reported that the committee has met to review a second draft of the display board, make design recommendation and outline photo selections and positioning.

STAFF REPORTS:

Jim Rospopo; District Conservationist:

Jim reported on his attendance to a Great Lakes Initiative meeting at the Alliance for the Great Lakes, participation in the bi-annual PL-566 reservoir inspections with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District staff and project sponsors and attending an annual performance review with Jon Hubbert; USDA-NRCS Assistant State Conservationist.

Rick McAndless, Resource Conservationist:

Rick reported on an Illinois Urban Manual Committee meeting, meeting with Kathy Chernich; US Army Corps of Engineers to look at the Levee 37 project site and adjacent Illinois Department of Transportation site and his meeting with Deb Perryman and Tonya Canania on Elgin High School property to document and discuss correcting erosion along Poplar Creek there.

Tonya Canania, Administrative Coordinator:

Tonya reported working on Northeastern Illinois Envirothon team registrations and sponsorships, District website updating, election preparations, her attendance to the 8th Annual Hoffman Estates and Schaumburg Environmental Day and Land Use Council 16 administration.

Bob Murzyn motioned to accept the reports as presented; seconded by Leo Kinsch.
*Approved.

NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY REPORTS:

The Board recommends that, at a minimum, all soil erosion and sediment control standards and practices selected for use on all projects meet the standards and practices of the *Illinois Urban Manual*, published in 1995 (rev. 2002) by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. A separate soil erosion & sediment control plan should be designed for the project. Perimeter protection, stabilized construction entrance(s) and sediment traps or basins should be constructed prior to the initial mass grading of the site. Basins installed prior to mass grading should be stabilized with vegetation immediately after their construction.

NRI#09-1528 Wheeling- New:

The board requests additional information and/or clarifications pertaining to following issues prior to issuing a land use opinion. These issues primarily concern the quality of stormwater leaving the site. The vault storage system should be protected from sediment accumulation both during and after construction. During construction, if runoff is allowed to enter the storage area directly from disturbed areas, sediment will

likely settle in the pipes thus reducing stormwater storage and affecting water quality leaving the site. Post construction conditions could also contribute stone, grit and soil from the plant grounds to the underground system. An oil/grit type of separator that is placed in stormsewer inlets can reduce the volume of fine particle sized material entering the system and improve water quality. Is the incorporation of any type of stormwater pre-treatment system planned for this project? Are clean-out structures going to be provided for the stormwater storage system? Will areas for access to the system be provided? The district does not typically support stormwater detention systems that discharge the "first flush" of stormwater runoff off the site without first entering water quality treatment facilities. Is there any reason why the stormwater drainage from entire site cannot be directed through the detention storage facility? What practices, if any, are being proposed to control Volatile Organic Compounds produced by the plant?

The board can not support the petitioners request if the above concerns are not addressed and requests for information are not satisfied in board review.

*Unapproved.

NEXT MEETING:

The December North Cook Co. SWCD board meeting will be held on December 17th. 2009 at 7 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. by motion made by Bob Murzyn and seconded by Leo Kinsch.