

MARSHALL-PUTNAM

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular scheduled board meeting on March 14th, 2024 at the Marshall-Putnam USDA Field office. Chairman Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:05am.

PRESENT

In Person – D. Leigh; J. Merdian; G. Schlosser; M. Haun; G. Mattern; T. Bogner; D. Williamson; J. Ketter; S. Williamson; D. Marshall; E. Luft

MINUTES

The meeting minutes were read for the February 2024 meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as written - 1st –G. Schlosser; 2nd – G. Mattern; Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Employee Time Sheets were reviewed for February. A motion to approve employee time sheets was made by M. Haun; 2nd by G. Mattern. Motion Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT/FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report given on the finance committee information during the board meeting, pertaining to the District's finances for the month of February, including the balance sheet and profit & loss. A motion was made by G. Schlosser to accept the Financial Committee's report including Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet, 2nd by J. Merdian. Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts Payable information was reviewed. A motion was made by J. Merdian to accept the accounts payable and pay outstanding bills at this time. 2nd by M. Haun. Motion carried.

FINANCES

Transfer to CD – Stacy reported on the inability for a District to open a High Yield savings account. The Lacon Community Bank is offering a CD with a high rate for 6 or 12 months. Discussion regarding this option instead. A motion was made by M. Haun to transfer \$145,000 from Heartland Bank to Lacon Community Bank CD. 2nd by J. Merdian. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

*Lobby Day – Debbie provided information regarding Lobby Day and a few of the bills that directors and staff need to keep an eye on.

*Woodford Cover Crop Seminar – Debbie also discussed a Cover Crop discussion led by a Farmer Panel in Eureka. This was sponsored by the Woodford SWCD

Update on Computers – Both Stacy and Jill's computers are in production. Should see soon.

Meeting with Jean McGuire – A discussion regarding a temporary hold on the farmer group meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Election results and Board Reorganization – Congratulations to Debbie, Josh and George on their reelection for a 2-year term on the board of directors.

Board Reorganization: Diana Williamson to moderate the reorganization. The nominations, motions and approvals are as follows:

Chairman – Debbie Leigh was nominated by G. Schlosser to be Chairman. 2nd by M. Haun. With no other nominations, **a motion was made by J. Merdian to accept the nomination for Chairman, close nominations and appoint. The motion passed.**

Vice-chairman – Mark Haun was nominated by G. Schlosser to be Vice-Chair. 2nd by G. Mattern. With no other nominations, **a motion was made by J. Merdian to accept the nomination for Vice-Chairman, close nominations and appoint. The motion passed.**

Secretary/Treasurer – Josh Merdian was nominated by G. Schlosser. 2nd by M. Haun. With no other nominations, **a motion was made by G. Mattern to accept the nomination for Secretary/Treasurer, close nominations and appoint. The motion passed.**

Terry Bogner and Diana Williamson were asked to remain on the board as associate directors and have agreed to do so.

The following people will be on the bank signature cards for Heartland Bank and MidAmerica National Bank; as well as the safety deposit box located at MidAmerica National Bank:

Debbie Leigh – Chairman
Josh Merdian – Secretary/Treasurer
Jill Ketter – Resource Conservationist
Stacy Williamson – Administrative Coordinator

The following people will be on the signature card at the Lacon Community Back for the CD will be:

Josh Merdian – Secretary/Treasurer
Stacy Williamson – Administrative Coordinator

This concludes the Reorganization and the regular meeting resumed.

Statement of Economic Interests – these need to be turned in today after being filled out by each of the elected officials. These need to be sent into the clerks’ offices of each county represented – Marshall and Putnam County.

PFC Cost List – this is the list of average cost used for the State Cost share program when determining project payouts. **A motion was made to accept the list as presented by J. Merdian. 2nd by M. Haun Motion passed.**

Envirothon – the event was held March 12th, at Black Hawk East campus in Galva. 21 teams participated including the 5 from LUC 1 that were able to attend. From LUC 1 – Fulton High School and West Carroll High School will be attending the State Envirothon. As well as from LUC 2 – Stark County and Cambridge FFA will be attending the competition. Congratulations to all who participated!

IDOA regional meeting recap – Stacy gave a recap of the IDOA meeting.

Goal Day review – Minutes to be typed up in a separate Minute document, attached to this one.

STAFF REPORTS

SC – Dick gave report regarding the program work he’s doing
RC – Jill is working on CRP now that the program is open.

AC – Stacy said she has nothing else to report.

DC – Erika gave report regarding what she's been working on.

The next board meeting will be held April 11th, 2024, 9am unless otherwise changed.

Motion made to adjourn M. Haun; 2nd by G. Mattern. Motion carried.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacy Williamson.

Board Approved:
