

MARSHALL-PUTNAM

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular scheduled board meeting on February 6th, 2025 at the Marshall-Putnam USDA Field office. Chairman Debbie Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:08am.

PRESENT

In Person – D. Leigh; M. Haun; J. Merdian; G. Schlosser; T. Bogner; J. McQuilkin; J. Ketter; S. Williamson; A. Landwehr; Via Zoom – D. Williamson; E. Luft; Guest – Eliot Clay, AISWCD Exec. Director

MINUTES

The meeting minutes were read for the January 2025 meeting. **A motion was made to accept the minutes as written - 1st – J. Merdian; 2nd – M. Haun; Motion carried.**

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Employee Time Sheets were reviewed for January. **A motion to approve employee time sheets was made by G. Schlosser; 2nd by M. Haun. 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 January, including the balance sheet and profit & loss. **A motion was made by M. Haun to accept the Financial Committee's report including Profit & Loss/Balance Sheet, 2nd by G. Schlosser. 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.**

OLD BUSINESS

AISWCD 2nd Dues Bill – a discussion regarding the 2nd dues bill was briefly discussed with E. Clay, AISWCD Exec. Director, who asked for more information. **A motion was made by J. Merdian to table the item until next month so more information can be given to Mr. Clay. 2nd by M. Haun. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Elections – Elections are next week – February 13th, 2025. Make sure you vote early or vote on the day of the election!

AISWCD Executive Director – Eliot Clay – Mr. Clay present via zoom, gave a nice introduction to the board about himself and his background with conservation. He also discussed several legislative items regarding districts. He also asked that the district send him information regarding the 2nd dues invoice and he will be happy to get details and then get back to the district.

Truck Auction – The NRCS is going to be auctioning the 2011 Dodge truck that is currently the Field Office Truck. Discussion on how purchase could be good and/or bad for the District. A discussion was held regarding the Auction. **A motion was made by M. Haun to deny the approval to bid on the truck due to a lack of need. 2nd made by J. Merdian. Further discussion was had. Motion carried.**

Local Work Group – Funding for the LWG has been paused by the Federal Gov't spending freeze. At this time, NRCS is highly encouraging districts to continue to have the meetings, regardless of funding. AISWCD is also

encouraging the meetings. The District will continue forward with a small group this year to see how the process unfolds for future meetings.

Goal Day – As of now, the Goal Day meeting will be held on March 13th, 2025 after the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Gina's Last Day – A very warm and grateful Good-bye and THANK YOU to Gina Schlosser for her time on the board. As this will be her last meeting as a Director, the board will continue to welcome her valued opinion in the future.

CUSTOMER COMPLIMENTS/COMPLAINTS

Stacy stated that she had a producer who had basins recently completed, state that he was very pleased with the work that was done and the service he'd received. Also, another person was happy with the whole field office experience that he'd had recently.

STAFF REPORTS

RC – working forward as much as we can with CRP until the program opens .

AC – The office received a letter from Shelly Ray stating the office was in compliance for an audit of files.

DC – Gave report via zoom

SC –Alex is working through and is almost finished with his Conservation Planner 1 classes at this time.

The next board meeting will be moved to March 13th, 2025 – 8:30am.

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

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacy Williamson.

Board Approved:
