

MARSHALL-PUTNAM

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular scheduled board meeting on December 14th, 2023, at the Marshall-Putnam USDA Field office. Vice-Chairman Haun called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

PRESENT

In Person – M. Haun; J. Merdian; G. Schlosser; T. Bogner; D. Williamson; J. McQuilkin; J. Ketter; S. Williamson; D. Marshall; E. Luft; Guest – Emily Hanson University of Illinois Extension

MINUTES

The meeting minutes were read for the November 2023 meeting. **A motion was made to accept the minutes as written - 1st –G. Schlosser; 2nd – J. Merdian; Motion carried.**

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Employee Time Sheets were reviewed for November. **A motion to approve employee time sheets was made by J. Merdian; 2nd by G. Schlosser. 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 months of November. **A motion was made by G. Schlosser to accept the Financial Committee's report, 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 G. Schlosser. Motion carried.**

ESC Cost Share Payments – There are 8 projects to be paid out for a grand total of \$20,699.28 out of FY22 PFC funds. 1 GWW project and 7 Cover Crop projects. **A motion to approve payment on these projects was made by J. Merdian; 2nd by G. Schlosser. Motion Carried.**

OLD BUSINESS

JHW - the signs for James Hall Woods and the District Entrance Sign for the building have installed and are complete. They look great!

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination Committee – T. Bogner, Nominating Committee, stated that he spoke with each of the board members that are up for reelection. He stated that each person is willing to run again on the ballot. Those up for reelection are: Debbie Leigh, George Mattern and John Merdian. There are no other nominees at this time

Work iPad through USDA – The district is able to order a device for Jill and image it to be used on the USDA network with their security, for field work. The District is required to own the device. For an iPad mini 64GB the cost is \$632.00 plus \$8 for the SIM card. **Motion made by J. Merdian to purchase the iPad and SIM card. 2nd by G. Schlosser. Motion carried.**

Work truck – a discussion was held regarding getting the work truck professionally lettered and lightbars. Estimates to be obtained for each.

Bureau County ESC Contract – Jill has completed all the work that she can do with Bureau County projects. They have hired in an RC so Erika has taken over the project with her to help guide her through.

Winter Training – The major take aways from Tammy Willis – NRCS State Conservationist – working on Local Work Groups in Districts, No movement on Citrix; There are Grant agreement changes coming for FY25.

A VERY HEARTFELT AND LARGE THANK YOU TO JIM MCQUILKIN FOR ALL HIS YEARS OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO THE DISTRICT.

STAFF REPORTS

SC – Dick stated that he will be working through his QAR – and working on a farmer round table with TWI.

RC – Finishing up a few EQIP projects, helping with the QAR

AC – Stacy has nothing further to report.

DC – Erika working on CSP payments, she has a few new staff in Bureau County and is working on bringing their training around. There is a lot of money with IRA funds that are coming to Illinois.

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

Motion made to adjourn G. Schlosser; 2nd by J. Merdian. Motion carried.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacy Williamson.

Board Approved:
