

MARSHALL-PUTNAM

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

The Marshall-Putnam Soil and Water Conservation District held their regular scheduled board meeting on September 14th, 2023, at the Marshall-Putnam USDA Field office. Chairman Leigh called the meeting to order at 9:05a.m.

PRESENT

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

MINUTES

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

EMPLOYEE TIME SHEETS

Employee Time Sheets were reviewed for August. **A motion to approve employee time sheets was made by M. Haun; 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 August. **A motion was made by J. Merdian to accept the Financial Committee's report, 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.**

FY24 BUDGET – FINAL READING

Final FY24 budget presented to the board. No changes made. **A motion was made by J. Merdian to accept the Final FY24 budget. 2nd by M. Haun. Motion passed.**

OLD BUSINESS

RCPP – 2nd field day recap – Debbie gave a recap of the afternoon field day in August at the wetland.

BCSWCD Contract for PFC work – Bureau County SWCD board of directors agreed to pay mileage and Jill's hourly rate for the projects that need oversight to complete.

NEW BUSINESS

RCPP Complete – Stacy reported that the final reporting has been submitted for RCPP. A very heartfelt thank you was given to Dick Marshall, NRCS, for all his help with CSP; Also to the Board of Directors and staff for all their hard work and time put into the projects completed.

Possible meeting with Tammy Willis, NRCS – State Conservationist – Erika stated that Tammy Willis is looking to visit with each DG group in the state if possible. There is no word on when those meeting will take place or which offices will be selected for the meeting.

Annual Financial Report Approval – Hopkins & Assoc. completed the FY23 Annual Financial Review. The board reviewed the information provided. **A motion was made by M. Haun to approve the Annual Financial Review and submit to the Illinois Comptrollers Office. 2nd by G. Schlosser. Motion Carried.**

Gov't shutdown procedure review – the policy for the MPSWCD in case of a Gov't Shutdown was reviewed. Updated to include District owned vehicles and cell phones.

Elections – Nominating Committee – Elections are coming up in the coming up and the nominating committee needs to be appointed. Terry Bogner stated that he would be on the committee. Debbie will ask Tiffany Moodie from Farm Bureau and Diana Williamson will be asked to be on the committee as well. Debbie, Josh and George are up for reelection in February 2024.

STAFF REPORTS

SC – Dick stated he's working on EQIP and CSP, as well as yearly CSP paperwork; as well as PRS reporting

RC – Not Present at the meeting.

AC – Stacy has nothing further to report.

DC – Erika stated that the new WOTUS rules do not apply to the work that NRCS does with Sodbuster/swamp buster paperwork or 1026's; CRP home stretch for Bureau County and Stark as well as PRS reporting.

The next board meeting will be held November 9th. The October meeting will be cancelled due to harvest.

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

Minutes taken and transcribed by Stacy Williamson.

Board Approved:
