

**Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Minutes of the Board Meeting  
May 1, 2007**

The regular monthly board meeting of the Madison County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at the USDA Service Center in Edwardsville, IL. The meeting was called to order by chairman Daiber at 8:00 p.m.

**Directors present:** Steve Black, Gene Daiber, Ken Rinkel, Lynn Weis

**Also present:** Rich Suhre, farmer/operator; Shannon Murphy, CAREE; Rick Macho, Resource Conservationist; Norma Kuethe, Administrative Coordinator; Dan Steinmann, NRCS District Conservationist.

**Director absent:** Wayne Poletti

**Minutes:** The April meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made to approve them by Weis. The motion was seconded by Black. The motion carried. Motion carried.

**Treasurers Report:** The April (March 26 to April 25, 2007) report was reviewed. A motion was made by Black to approve the treasurers report. The motion was seconded by Rinkel. Motion carried.

**Employee Timesheets:** The timesheets were reviewed. Ken Rinkel went over the timesheets prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Weis to approve the timesheets. The motion was seconded by Rinkel. Motion carried.

**Old Business-**

1. *Freedom Information Act* will be discussed more after summer conference. It is on the summer conference agenda. The *Open Meetings Act* will be review next month.
2. *SWCD Travel Policy* is tabled to next month.
3. *Sales.* A motion was made by Black to give a donation of \$50 to Ken Rinkel for the use and gas for his truck during the tree sales. The motion was second by Weis. Rinkel abstained. A motion carried.

**Reports-**

- *District employee reports* by Macho and Kuethe were given and are attached.
- *The CAREE report* was given by Murphy.
- *NRCS employee reports* were given by Steinmann and Kosta was distributed and a copy is attached.

**New Business-**

1. *PA System* – Our system did not work at the annual meeting. Macho reported what he found. A suggested was made to check more.

2. *Legislative letter for the Farm Bill* – A motion was made by Weis to write a letter on behalf of the board. The motion was seconded by Black. Motion carried.
3. *2008 Budget* - Black suggested a committee to start working on the budget. Last years committee was Black, Poletti, Macho and Kuethe. Black will contact Poletti due to his absence.
4. *Rich Suhre* discussed a drainage concern on a farm that he operates.
5. *Memorandum of Understanding between the Madison County SWCD and NRCS* was suggested by Steinmann to review at the June meeting.

***Correspondence and other business***

- *Council 12*-Monday, May 21 at Heartland Range & Shooters Saloon in Sparta, sponsored by Randolph County. Steve Black, Gene and Lillian Daiber will be attending.
- *Next SWCD Meeting* will be on Tuesday, June 5 at 8 p.m.
- *Summer Conference* will be held at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, downtown Springfield on July 29 through 31. Those attending are Daiber, Black, Macho and Kuethe.

***Adjourn***

Motion to adjourn at 9:45 p.m. was made by Weis. The motion was seconded by Rinkel. Motion carried.

Notes taken and report written by Norma Kuethe, AC

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Black  
Secretary, Madison County SWCD