



# Meeting Minutes

## DeKalb County

### Soil and Water Conservation District

#### Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 11/13/2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:00 p.m.

#### Attendees

**Attendees included:** Directors, Paul Kuhn, Lynn Martz, Anita Zurbrugg, Dan Kenney and John Begun

**Associate Directors:** Jim Arndt, Peggy Anesi, Byron Cann, Stan Doty and Rick Bend.

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Aaron Seim

**IDOA:**

**Guests:** Alexa Skirmont

#### Directors not in attendance

**Members not in attendance included:**

#### Approval of the agenda

**Motion to approve agenda made by:** Director Martz and seconded by Director Kenney, approved.

#### Approval of minutes

**Motion to approve minutes of the October 9, 2024 meetings made by:** Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Martz, approved.

#### Approval of Treasurers Report

**Motion to approve the Treasures Report made by:** Director Begun and seconded by Director Zurbrugg, approved.

## Reports

**NRCS Report:** District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a written report on the activities of the NRCS office for the month of October and the outlook for November.

**SWCD Resource Conservationist:** Jeff Woodyatt provided a written report on the activities of the Resource Conservationist for the month of October and the outlook for activities occurring in November.

**SWCD Executive Director:** Dean Johnson provided a written report on the activities of the Executive Director for the month of October and the outlook for November.

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** Peggy Anesi reported that the Master Watershed is complete in Boone County. Peggy has also will be making a presentation at the state leadership meeting.

**IDOA:** No Report

## Correspondence

The district received a thank you from the Sycamore School District for its recent book donation to the county schools.

The district received a thank you note from the Jane Adeny Memorial School for a rain barrel donation to their fund-raising auction.

DeKalb County Pheasants Forever Banquet is November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Faranda's in DeKalb.

## Time Sheet Approval

Employee time sheets were reviewed and approved by: Director Martz.

## Unfinished business

**Samardzija- Guthesha Family Fund update-** Dan Kenney gave an update on the sub-committees meeting regarding the Samardzija Fund at the DeKalb County Community Foundation. The Executive Director has been tasked with putting a proposal together to submit to the Foundation for consideration.

## New business

**NRI 742-** Director Zurbrugg moved to approve NRI report #742 for Mohr Acquisition which is located at the Northeast corner of Peace Road and Fairview Dr. near the City of DeKalb. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Nominating Committee-** Alexa Skirmont from PCM and Associate Director Rick Bend volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee for the DeKalb County SWCD Director election.

**Approve Signatory changes to the Old National Bank Checking Account-** Director Zurbrugg moved to remove John Begun and Scott Pumroy as signers and add Paul Kuhn, Chairman and Lynn Martz Treasurer to the Old National Bank Checking Account ending in 9440 for the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Employee Reviews and Contract Discussions meeting Date-** It was the consensus of the board to meet on December 9 at 1:00 p.m. in the district office.

**Christmas Lunch-** It was the consensus of the board to hold a Christmas lunch prior to the December 11 board meeting. Lunch will be at 11:45 a.m.

**Green Infrastructure Meeting Lunch donation:** Director Martz moved to provide up to \$150 for a meal for the Green Infrastructure meeting to be held at Genoa City Hall on December 12, 2024. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

**PFC Contract Amendments-** Director Zurbrugg moved to approve amendments for PFC contracts Mark Hawkins for \$2962.50 and Richard Happ for \$750.00. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

## Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Director Kenney and seconded by Director Martz, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be December 11, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 West Prairie Dr. in Sycamore, IL

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Chairman

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Date