



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 1/8/2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 12:30 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, Gordon Kohn, Stan Doty, Paul Koeppen Jr., Rick Bend, Paul Idlas.

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA: Shelly Ray

Guests: Alexa Skirmont, Stan Doty's Daughter

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the December 11, 2024 meetings made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kenney, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

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

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

SWCD Executive Director: Dean Johnson provided a written report on the activities of the Executive Director for the month of December and the outlook for January.

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Anesi reported that the Master Watershed Program is coming this spring. We want to establish a committee to lead the Watershed Stewardship for Leaders Program this fall. Participating in Private Well Program in Bloomington, helping out with Envirothon, conducting walking tours at the Forest Preserves, and Winter Fest. Forest Preserve has some additional funds to support the Nature Center and Peggy is looking for a helper this spring and summer.

IDOA: Shelly Ray provided an IDOA update- I Cover program sign up to begin this spring, it requires a 3-year commitment. Grant Agreements are not out yet, anticipate a schedule similar to last year. PFC updates will happen in February.

Correspondence

No updates on IEPA grant applications

Local Work Group meeting will occur this spring

Election of Directors is February 12, 2025

Arranging a meeting with DeKalb County Community Foundation regarding proposals

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

Review of 2025 Fee Schedules- Director Martz moved to approve the 2025 fee schedules. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

DeKalb County Farmland Foundation Fund- Director Kenney provided an update on the Fund and is looking at alternative opportunities for the funds use. No action was taken.

Outlook for 2025- The board had some discussion on programming for 2025 which included watershed and farm tours, Streambank projects, Urban to farm opportunities, Conservation Minute, keep them informed on programs and projects, programs should include invitations to elected officials.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be February 12, 2025 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 West Prairie Dr. in Sycamore, IL

Chairman

Date