



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order Monthly Board Meeting

The Monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 6/11/2025. 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, and Dan Kenney

Associate Directors: Stan Doty, John Begun, Paul Koeppen Jr. and Jim Arndt

Staff: Dean Johnson, Executive Director and Jeff Woodyatt, Resource Conservationist

NRCS: Aaron Seim District Conservationist

IDOA: Not Present

Guests: Grace Coveliers

Directors not in attendance

Members not present included: Rick Bend

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the 6/11/2025 agenda made by Director Kenney seconded by Director Zurbrugg. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 14, 2025 made by Director Martz and seconded by Director Kenney. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report made by Director Zurbrugg. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Reports

NRCS- Aaron Seim provided a written report of the activities of the NRCS office for the past month and the outlook for July. Several deadlines are approaching for CSP. EQIP, RCPP and CRP are ongoing. Aaron is acting for Lee and Whiteside County in the months of June and July.

NREC- No Report

Resource Conservationist- Jeff Woodyatt gave an update on his activities for the past month and the outlook for June.

Executive Director- Dean Johnson provided a written update for the past month's activities and the outlook for June.

DeKalb County Watersheds Council- Next meeting will be held on June 25, 2025.

Correspondence

We have received our FY25 operations funds of \$42,990.00. We have not received an amendment to the contract for PFC cost share. No indication when that will be arriving.

The General Assembly ended their session with no changes to the SWCD budget for FY2026. Two bills were being discussed but no action was taken on either bill.

The AISWCD Summer Conference is July 20-22 at the Crown Plaza in Springfield.

There is activity once again in the county regarding wind farms, it could be another year before it will be reviewed by the SWCD and the county.

Time Sheet Approval

Employee Time Sheets Reviewed By: Director Martz

Unfinished business

None

New business

Approval of New Hire and Contract Amendment- Director Martz moved to hire Grace Coveliers as District Conservation Planner and approve her contract. Additionally, Director Martz moved to amend Executive Director Dean Johnson's hours to 25 per week effective June 16, 2025. Director Zurbrugg seconded, motion carried.

NRI 745- SV CSG Kingston Solar 1 LLC- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve NRI 745 for SV CSG Kingston Solar 1 LLC. with the recommendations provided in the opinion page of the report. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

NRI 746- Coltonville Solar Farm LLC- Director Martz moved to approve NRI 746 Coltonville Solar Farm LLC. with the recommendations provided in the opinion page of the report. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approve CPA for SWCD Financial Review- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve Foster Tax and Accounting LLC to complete the annual financial review and Comptrollers Report. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

SWCD County Roadside Signs- A new bill passed by the General Assembly allows for SWCD road signs identifying that you are entering the Soil and Water Conservation District to be placed on the county lines. The sign will be placed by the Illinois Department of Transportation on State highways entering the county at a cost of \$100 per sign and will be maintained by IDOT. The board questioned if there could be logos or QR code placed on the signs. At this time no answer was available, and the Executive Director agreed to follow up with the AISWCD to get more information. The topic was tabled until the next meeting.

SWCD Budget Meeting Date- The annual budget is due to be reviewed by the board by the end of June. A tentative date of June 24th was set, the Executive Director will follow up with Directors to firm up a time for that meeting.

AISWCD Summer Conference- The board was reminded of the Annual Meeting in Springfield. It was the consensus of the board that Director Kuhn would serve as the delegate representing DeKalb County SWCD at the meeting. The board also reviewed the resolutions being proposed but no action was taken at the district meeting, the board will leave it up to the discretion of the delegate at the annual meeting on what action to take once a resolution comes to the floor.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be July 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 West Prairie Dr. in Sycamore, IL

Chairman

Date