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 2/11/2026. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Dan Kenney at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, Anita Zurbrugg, Lynn Martz and Dan Kenney

Associate Directors:

Staff: Dean Johnson, Executive Director and Grace Coveliers Resource Conservationist

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA: Not Present

Guests: Joyce Klein Munch

Directors not in attendance

Members not present included: Paul Kuhn and Rick Bend

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the February 11, 2026 agenda made by Director Martz seconded by Director Zurbrugg. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2026 made by Director Martz and seconded by Director Zurbrugg. 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 an update to the activities of the NRCS office for the month of January and the outlook for February.

NREC- No Report

Resource Conservationist- Grace Coveliers provided and written report on her activities for the month of January and the outlook for February.

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

DeKalb County Watersheds Council- The Watershed Council met on January 28,2026. The Council will be working with the City of Genoa to help to promote the watershed-based plan and its implementation projects

Correspondence

SWCD Election of Directors 2/11/2026

The district has received $10,000.00 from the AISWCD for having completed the Local Work Group requirements for 2025.

Grow More Training will be offered free by the National Wildlife Federation on March 12, 2026 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. Lunch is provided. The program teaches outreach professionals how to use social skills to better engage with their audiences and encourage behavior change the favors conservation.

Staff is experiencing issues with the district printer it is recommended that it be replaced, the cost would fall under the current budget for office expense.

Time Sheet Approval

Employee Time Sheets Reviewed By: Director Martz

Unfinished business

None

New business

NRI # 752 Grand Parade Solar LLC- Town of Cortland- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve the NRI report #752 Grand Parade Solar LLC. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Watershed Stewardship for Leaders invoiced expenses- Director Martz moved to approve the invoiced expenses of $1122.72 from the U of I extension for the Watershed Stewardship for Leaders Program. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Name badges for Staff and Directors- Director Martz moved to approve expenses for magnetic name badges for Staff and Directors. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Zurbrugg moved to adjourn the meeting, and it was seconded by Director Martz.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be on March 11, 2026 at 12:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore Illinois.

Chairman	Date