



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 4/10/2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Paul Kuhn, Lynn Martz.

Associate Directors: Paul Koeppen, and Byron Cann

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA:

Guests: Paul Idlas

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Dan Kenney and Anita Zurbrugg

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the March 13, 2024 meetings made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Begun, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a report on the activities of the NRCS office and the outlook for the month of April. Aaron provided updates on CSP, EQIP and CRP programs. Aaron also provided a overlook of how program monies have been expended this past year.

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

SWCD Executive Director: Dean Johnson provided a written report of the activities of the Executive Director for the month of April and the outlook for May.

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: No report

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

Watershed Goals Workshop April 18th at Genoa City Hall

We will be participating in an Earth Day Event sponsored by DeCarbon DeKalb at the Egyptian Theater on April 18th.

Watershed bus tour will be on June 15th in the northern portion of DeKalb County.

Dean and Lynn Martz participated in an Ag Roundtable with local State Representatives at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Stan Doty has agreed to be an Associate Director on the SWCD Board.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

PFC Amemdments- Director Martz moved to amend the Engel waterway project to increase the cost share to \$8333.75. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

PFC Rain Garden project- Director Martz moved that the board approve cost share assistance of \$343.28 for Meryl Domina to construct a rain garden. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

Simonson Scholarship- The board received no scholarship applications in 2023 and this year we received two excellent applications and after some discussion it was decided to award two scholarships in 2024. Director Martz moved that the SWCD award two \$1000.00 scholarships each to Hannah Langton of Kingston and Alex Gahala of Shabbona. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

Cell Phone- Director Martz moved to provide the Resource Conservationist a monthly stipend of \$60 to help offset expenses of him using his private phone for company business. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

Summer Intern- A local college student expressed interest in interning for the DeKalb SWCD this summer after some discussion it was the consensus of the board not to pursue hiring a summer intern at this time.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be May 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date