



# Meeting Minutes

## DeKalb County

### Soil and Water Conservation District

#### Call to order

A Zoom/ in person meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on April 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

#### Attendees

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

**Associate Directors:** Jim Arndt and Nick Moore

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Aaron Seim

**Guest:** None

#### Directors not in attendance

**Members not in attendance included:** Director Paul Kuhn

#### Approval of the agenda

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

#### Approval of minutes

**Motion to approve minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting made by:** Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Martz, 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 presented a printed report updating the board on the activities of NRCS for the month of March and the outlook for April.

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

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

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** No report

## Correspondence

Grant Agreements to the IDOA are complete, we are now waiting on the Comptroller to release funds, no word on when that will occur.

DeKalb County Government will take up the adoption of the Upper South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Plan in May. The City of DeKalb will follow-up with adoption after the County takes action on the matter. The DeKalb Park District has formally adopted the plan in March.

We anticipate several large utility Solar Farm Projects to come before the county this year. At this time there are at least 3 developers with potentially 7 project sites within the county based on the Community Development Department.

We anticipate that the watershed planning grant application to the IEPA to be approved, as there has been no notification of denial which typically would occur in February. The planning area would include the north areas of the Kishwaukee River Watershed in DeKalb County.

We can now accept online payments for rain barrel and fish sales through the ePay program with the Illinois State Treasurers office.

## Time Sheet Approval

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

## Unfinished business

None

## New business

**CPP Well Sealing Project:** Director Martz moved to approve a well sealing project for Jason Hoshaw not to exceed \$750.00 in cost share assistance through the CPP program. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Local Work Groups:** NRCS District Conservationist Aaron Seim informed the board that a local work group will need to meet this summer to discuss potential projects and conservation needs for the County looking forward. This occurs about every 5 years and it is recommended that the SWCD Board and local Stakeholders participate in this discussion. The consensus of the Board was to meet in August to accomplish this task.

**SWCD Legislative Day:** The board was asked to sign up and participate in the virtual legislative day event which will occur on April 26. Sign up is available online through the AISWCD.

**Simonson Scholarship:** Director Martz moved to approve the selection of Logan Bend as this years' recipient of the Simonson Scholarship with the award of \$1000.00. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

## Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Martz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be May 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. . The meeting will be held in the Farm Bureau conference room located in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore, Illinois.

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Chairman

Date