



# Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

## Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on August 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees

**Attendees included:** Directors, John Begun, Lynn Martz, Paul Kuhn, and Anita Zurbrugg

**Associate Directors:** Nick Moore, Jim Arndt, Rick Bend, Byron Cann and Peggy Doty

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Aaron Seim and Mary Mcaleer

**Guest:** Abbie Arndt, Linda Kuhn and Rosemary Moore

## Directors not in attendance

**Members not in attendance included:** Director Dan Kenney

## 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 July 14, 2021 meeting made by:** Director Martz, seconded by Director Kuhn, approved.

## Approval of Treasurers Report

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

## Reports

**NRCS Report:** District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a report updating the board on the activities of NRCS for the month of August and the outlook for September.

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

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

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** Peggy Doty presented a report during new business.

## Correspondence

Still waiting on notification from IEPA on whether the Watershed Planning Grant Application has been approved for the Northern South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed.

Thank You letters from the DeKalb County Community Foundation and the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Foundation for recent contributions into the Soil and Water Funds.

Former Director Paul Taylor was selected as a Master Farmer and will be recognized at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur at the End of August.

The Pheasants Forever Banquet will be held on August 18, 2021, at Fatty's in DeKalb

## Time Sheet Approval

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

## Unfinished business

None

## New business

**Approve FY22 Annual Plan of Work-** Director Kuhn moved to approve the FY22 DeKalb County SWCD Annual Plan of Work. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Purchase of District Trailer-** Director Zurbrugg moved that the DeKalb County SWCD purchase a new Big Tex 20 foot trailer from Rondo Enterprises in Sycamore for \$6574.15. Motion seconded by Director Kuhn, motion carried.

**CPP Project Approvals-** Director Martz moved to approve CPP cost share for a grassed waterway project for Alvin Warren Jr. for \$1240.50. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried

Director Zurbrugg moved to approve CPP cost share for a grassed waterway project for Paul Kuhn for \$2233.50. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried with 3 yes and one abstention from Director Kuhn.

Director Kuhn moved to provide CPP cost share of \$1200.00 for a cover crop seeding for Rick Bend. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Natural Resource Educator Funding Consideration-** Peggy Doty Natural Resource Educator with the University of Illinois Extension provided a detailed summary of her activities providing natural resource education to the community. Ms Doty outlined goals that she has set to continue to provide valuable natural resource education now and into the future. She is requesting financial support to help fulfill those goals while supporting the efforts of the SWCD. The board is requested to consider her request and discuss it at the September monthly board meeting. No action was taken at this time.

## Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be September 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

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Chairman

Date