



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 8/9/2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Paul Kuhn, Anita Zurbrugg and Dan Kenney

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Rick Bend, Peggy Doty

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Kate McMahon, Alex Ibes

IDOA:

Guest: Alexa Rutherford, and several family members and guests of the Directors

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Lynn Martz

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the July 12, 2023 meetings made by: Director Kenney, 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: A written report on the activities of the NRCS office and the outlook for the month of August was provided by Aaron Seim.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Doty reported that summer camp has wrapped up. Funding through the Wheaton grant has purchased an augmented virtual sand box for the Natural Resource Center in Genoa.

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

Quarterly Reporting for IDOA is requiring more detail. Besides the annual budget a budget also needs to be created that identifies expenses that can be claimed against the yearly allocation located in the contract agreement with the IDOA.

The Resource Conservationist and Executive Director have been approached by NIU to see if we would be willing to serve on an advisory board for a new research project called NSF Convergence Accelerator Track K: Building Collaborative Capacity to Manage Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water. NIU is waiting to see if they will be awarded this opportunity.

Watershed signs in the northern part of DeKalb County should start to be placed shortly which is great timing for the new watershed planning project.

NIU is willing to expand its water quality testing to the north, hopefully this will begin this fall.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

Strategic Plan Update- Director Kuhn moved to approve the updated Strategic Plan for the DeKalb County SWCD. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion passed.

New business

PFC Cost Share Approval- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve \$1640.60 cost share for Paul Kuhn for a grassed waterway. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried Paul Kuhn abstained. Director Zurbrugg moved to approve \$1283.69 for Barry Smith to reshape a grassed waterway. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried. Director Kenney approved \$6200.00 of cost share to Ryan Frieders for Cover Crop installation. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried.

CPA for Annual Review- Director Kuhn moved that the DeKalb County SWCD hire Foster Tax and Accounting LLC to complete the Annual Financial Review estimated cost of \$2900.00. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Annual Plan of Work- Director Kenney moved that we approve the DeKalb County SWCD annual plan of work for FY24. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Kenney, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be September 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date