



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on December 15, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:34 p.m.

Attendees

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

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

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Director Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the November 10, 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 an update to the activities of the NRCS staff for the month of November and an outlook to the month of December.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Doty provided an update of the activities she has participated in and an outlook for future programs.

Correspondence

AISWCD Annual Meeting, Director Kuhn, Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt attended

Dean and Jeff attended Winter Training December 8 and 9 in Springfield

IDOA stated at Winter Training that they were going to start the process of getting grant funds distributed to the districts in the near future.

DeKalb County Government has voted to cap commercial solar projects at 12000 acres.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

New business

Employee Contracts- Director Kuhn moved to approve the negotiated employee contracts for 2022. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Employee Christmas Bonus- In the spirit of the holiday Director Martz moved to approve \$250.00 (net) Christmas bonuses for the Resource Conservationist and the Executive Director. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Memorials- It was the consensus of the board that any memorial funds received in memory of Richard Bend should be placed in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Foundation's SWCD Fund.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Martz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be January 12, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date