



Meeting Minutes

DeKalb County

Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 1/10/2024. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Paul Kuhn at 12:35 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Paul Koeppen Jr.

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA:

Guests: Stan Doty and Darryl Crum

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: John Begun and Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the December 13, 2023 meetings 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 Kuhn, 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 January. Aaron reported activity with in CSP and EQIP. DeKalb County has 14 applications for EQIP. DeKalb has 1 application for ACT NOW and Illinois has 326 applications. Contract management and Status reviews for CRP are ongoing.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: No Report

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

Mississippi State University is holding regional meetings to introduce landowners to their new CRP web tool. One of the events will be held in Sycamore on February 7, 2024 from 9:30-noon, lunch will be provided. A \$75 gift card will be presented to attendees (one per household).

Conservation Cropping Seminar sponsored by the IDOA will be held on January 31, 2024. A hybrid version is available. Registration is due by January 24th.

Letters went out to all municipalities in the county regarding compliance with the District Act Natural Resource Information Reports. Changes in staff in communities sometimes cause the requirement for these reports to be overlooked.

The Pheasants Forever Chapter is planning a pint night on March 26, 2024. The chapter is trying to provide short topics for these events, potentially the topic for the next meeting will be Conservation programs. The Annual banquet is planned for August of 2024.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

DeKalb County SWCD Parental Leave Policy- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve the addition of the Parental Leave policy to the Districts Personnel Policy Handbook. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Review of the Fee schedules for 2024- Director Martz moved to change the NRI letter fee to \$150.00, the solar yearly review to \$150.00 and the seeder base fee for the Airseeder and the Kasco seeder to \$250.00, the Kasco seeder fee will change to \$50/acre after the base fee. All other fees will remain unchanged for 2024. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

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

Meeting adjourned at 1.54 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be February 14, 2024 at 12:30 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date