



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on January 11, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Paul Dreska, Rick Bend, Byron Cann and Gordon Kohn

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Arron Seim

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Anita Zurbrugg and Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the December 14, 2022 meetings made by: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Martz, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Arron Seim provided a report on the activities of the NRCS for the month of December and the outlook for January. The Sycamore Field Office will be getting a new Soil Conservationist in January. Kate McMahon will be transferring here from the Belvidere Field Office.

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

Correspondence

The DeKalb County SWCD is still waiting on the grant agreement from IEPA for the watershed planning area for the Central South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed.

Conservation Cropping Seminar to held on January 18, 2023.

Farm Advisors Conservation Meeting March 1st 9-11:00 a.m. at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

New business

NRI 724 Solar Project- Director Kuhn moved to approve the recommendations of the Natural Resource Information Report 724 for a solar energy project near Malta, IL. Motion seconded by Director Martz; motion carried.

NRI 725 Solar Project- Director Kuhn moved to approve the recommendations of the Natural Resource Information Report 725 for a solar energy project near Sandwich, IL. Motion seconded by Director Martz; motion carried.

2023 Fee Schedule Review- It was the consensus of the board to maintain the current NRI fees.

The Board recommended a fee of \$500 for first 40 acres plus \$5 per acre for every acre over 40 acres for the Landscape Plan and Monitoring/Maintenance Plan review for Solar Energy Systems.

Staff will work with the Community Development Department to help determine a fee schedule for the yearly Solar maintenance reviews. Staff will update board on solar fees at the next meeting.

Farm Advisors Conservation Update Meeting- The DeKalb SWCD will be hosting a Farm Advisors meeting on March 1st from 9-11:00 a.m. at the Farm Bureau. The board agreed to provide coffee and treats for the event.

Funding and Financial Options- It was the recommendation of the board to review account options with our local banking institution. The goal is to see if any interest-bearing accounts are feasible for the District to participate in.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kuhn, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be February 8, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date