



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 12, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Paul Kuhn at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, Paul Kuhn, Lynn Martz, Anita Zurbrugg (Zoom) and Dan Kenney (Zoom)

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Byron Cann, Paul Dreska and Rick Bend (Zoom)

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Director John Begun

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kenney, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a written report on the activities of the NRCS staff for the month of December and an outlook to the month of January. Aaron also presented a Civil Rights presentation to the SWCD Board for review.

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

Director John Begun is recovering from a recent medical procedure

IDOA Conservation Cropping Seminar will be held virtually on February 3, 2022

The district has received several year end donations and memorials for Richard Bend

The IDOA has a job posting for the Regional Representative position, location will be in DeKalb

The DeKalb SWCD election of Directors will be held on February 9, 2022, from 7:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

New business

75th Anniversary- The DeKalb County SWCD will be celebrating 75 years of service to DeKalb County. The board is considering options for recognizing this occasion, which may include mailings, short videos, and a celebratory event. More discussion will be needed at the next meeting.

Programs for 2022- With the pandemic still active in our community it is challenging to provide programs to our customers. A discussion regarding options for how to continue our outreach and provide educational opportunities specifically to the adult community (Peggy Doty is working on school age programs focusing on watershed topics) and agriculture Producers and Landowners. Options could include small group meetings that are in different locations in the County, virtual programs, video short clips. More discussion is needed on this topic.

Annual Fee Schedule Review- The board discussed the fees charged for our services. The Executive Director provided a comparison of neighboring Districts, the fees currently charged are in line with the neighboring Districts however the DeKalb County SWCD has unique fees that are unable to be compared in certain categories. Director Martz moved to table this discussion until the February 9th meeting. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried. The Executive Director will gather more information for the February meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be February 9, 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