



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 7/12/2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Lynn Martz, and Dan Kenney

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Rick Bend, Byron Cann

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS:

IDOA:

Guest: Alexa Rutherford

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Paul Kuhn, and Anita Zurbrugg

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 June 14, 2023 meetings made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kenney, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: A written report on the activities of the NRCS office and the outlook for the month of July 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 June and the outlook for activities occurring in July.

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Doty reported that summer camp was going well. A Master Watershed program will be starting in Boone County this fall. Potential funding for solid waste programs may be coming back.

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

AISWCD Annual meeting will be in Springfield July 16-18. Director's Zurbrugg and Martz plan to attend.

The IEPA Watershed -based planning process for the Central South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed is now in effect. There is a signed agreement with the District and the IEPA. Cecily Cruz from Baxter & Woodman Engineering will be the Consultant.

NIU is still looking for partners to participate in the farmer forum for weather resources.

The DeKalb County SWCD has interest in conducting a transect survey similar to the surveys that we have done in the past with IDOA. Dean spoke with Elliott Legacy with the IDOA and they can provide the district with the excel files to conduct the survey.

The Executive Director is working on updates to the Strategic Plan and will provide information at the next monthly board meeting.

The next board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be held at the DeKalb County History Center in Sycamore. The meeting time will be at 5:30, a meal will be catered by the Country Store. The meeting will follow the meal at approximately 7:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to invite spouses or guests to the event.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

New business

PFC Cost Share Approval- Director Kenney moved to approve cost share of \$3502.91 for a grassed waterway for Stan Fowler. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

The Executive Director reviewed the Resolutions with the board that will be discussed at the annual meeting in Springfield.

FY24 Budget- Director moved to approve the FY24 budget for the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

U of I Extension Educator Support- Director Kenney moved to provide \$23,000 to the U of I Extension for the Natural Resources' Educator in DeKalb County. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Kenney, seconded by Director Martz, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be August 9, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County History Center in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date