



Meeting Minutes

DeKalb County

Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

A Zoom/ in person Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on July 14, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Nick Moore

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

Guest: Alexa Rutherford PCM Specialist

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the June 9 and June 29, 2021 meeting made by: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a report updating the board on the activities of NRCS for the month of June and the outlook for July.

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: No report

Alexa Rutherford introduced herself as the new PCM Specialist working out of the Ogle SWCD office serving DeKalb, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, and Boone Counties. Alexa will be working with farmers to gather data regarding farming practices along with promoting cost share programs available through USDA and the SWCD's.

Correspondence

Former Associate Director Dennis Stoia recently passed away.

Still waiting on notification from IEPA on whether the Watershed Planning Grant Application has been approved for the Northern South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed.

The City of DeKalb has adopted the watershed plan for the Upper South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed

DeKalb County Pheasants Forever Banquet will be August 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Fatty's in DeKalb

Dean and Jeff participated in the AISWCD One Day Summer Conference

NACD Summer Meeting will be held in Chicago July 24-27

Next meeting of the SWCD will be at Russell Woods Forest Preserve District in Genoa

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

Approve FY22 Operating Budget- Director Kenney moved to approve the FY22 Operating Budget of the DeKalb County SWCD. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Fund Allocations- Director Zurbrugg moved to transfer \$100,000.00 from the SWCD Operations Account and place \$50,000.00 in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Foundation SWCD fund and \$50,000.00 in the DeKalb County Community Foundation's Soil and Water Fund. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Zurbrugg moved to donate \$750.00 to the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Ag Literacy program to sponsor the purchase of 50 children's book entitled Erosion. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried. The books will be purchased in the fall and distributed throughout the school districts in DeKalb County.

IDNR CREP Easements- Director Zurbrugg moved to transfer the 35-year easements held by the DeKalb County SWCD for Randy Espe to the Illinois Department of Natural Resource (IDNR) with the commitment to continue to monitor the site moving forward. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Approve CPA for Financial Review- Director Kuhn moved to approve the agreement with Foster's Tax and Accounting, LLC to provide a financial review of the DeKalb County SWCD in accordance with State of Illinois requirements. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Amendment to Eugene Heinsohn SSRP Project- Director Kuhn moved to amend the SSRP project contract from a completion date of 12/1/2020 to 7/31/2021. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be August 11, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at Russell Woods Natural Resource Center in Genoa.

Chairman

Date