



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 6/14/2023. 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, Anita Zurbrugg and Dan Kenney

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Paul Koeppen Jr.

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA:

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the May 10, 2023 meetings made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kuhn, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: Aaron Seim gave a report on the activities of the NRCS office and the outlook for the month of June.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: No Report

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

The Illinois EPA is reviewing the Watershed 319 Grant Agreements and will contact the District within a few weeks with a final agreement.

IDOA grant agreements for FY24 have been signed and returned to the Department. Allocation has been deposited; Operations will be \$81,958.76, PFC cost share \$34,471.32.

Illinois State budget has been approved the SWCD will receive level funding in FY24.

The Watershed Coordinator Grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation has arrived; \$25,000.00 has been deposited into the local bank.

DeKalb County government has approved the revised wind and solar ordinances.

AISWCD Annual meeting will be in Springfield July 16-18.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

1. **Strategic Plan Goals-** The board provided input on new goals moving forward. The Executive Director will compile the suggestions and present the new update to the Strategic Plan in an upcoming board meeting for approval.

New business

NRI Solar Projects- Director Kuhn moved to approve NRI 729 located in Genoa Township. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Kuhn moved to approve NRI 730 located in Clinton Township. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Establish a Budget Meeting Date- It was the consensus of the board to meet at 11:00 a.m. on June 28, 2023 to discuss the FY24 budget.

District Summer Meeting Activity- It was the consensus of the board to hold the August 9th meeting of the board at the DeKalb County History Center in Sycamore. A catered meal will be provided and spouses and guests are invited to attend.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Martz, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be July 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date