



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The Budget meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on June 29, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 11:09 a.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Rick Bend

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Absent

Guest: None

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

N/A

Approval of Treasurers Report

N/A

New Business

FY 2022 SWCD Budget: The SWCD Board of Directors reviewed the current financial condition of the district presented by the Executive Director. Director Kenney and Executive Director Dean Johnson presented the board with recommendations and considerations for the next fiscal year which included:

- Suggestions for Staff wage increases for FY22
- Revisit support to the Natural Resource Education Program at Russell Woods
- Create an Incentive program involving Township Highway Supervisors to use pollinators on rural roadsides
- Hire an Intern from NIU to do an evaluation project on conservation practices in DeKalb County and to establish a baseline. Develop a program to engage farmers in discussing projects and experiments that they have completed and encourage learning from each other. Develop programs, sponsoring opportunities, partnerships to enhance resources and learning opportunities within the district.
- Capital item purchase of a new trailer for the district
- Clothing Allowance for Staff
- Sponsoring a book to be placed in the DeKalb County School Districts through the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Ag Literacy Program

The board reviewed the budget, and it will be presented at the July 14, 2021 board meeting for approval.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Kenney, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be July 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held in the Farm Bureau conference room located in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore, Illinois.

Chairman

Date