



# Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

## Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 3/13/2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:30 p.m.

## Attendees

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

**Associate Directors:** Paul Koeppen, Jim Arndt and Byron Cann

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Aaron Seim

**IDOA:**

**Guests:** Paul Idlas, Stan Doty

## Directors not in attendance

**Members not in attendance included:**

## Approval of the agenda

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

## Approval of minutes

**Motion to approve minutes of the February 14, 2024 meetings made by:** Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Kenney, approved.

## Approval of Treasurers Report

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

## Reports

**NRCS Report:** District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a report on the activities of the NRCS office and the outlook for the month of March. Aaron provided updates on CSP, EQIP and CRP programs.

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

**SWCD Executive Director:** Dean Johnson provided a written report of the activities of the Executive Director for the month of March and the outlook for April.

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** Peggy Anesi provided a written update on the history and establishment of the NREC and thanked the board for all the support over the years.

**IDOA:** No Report

## Correspondence

Congratulations to Paul, Anita and Dan on being re-elected to serve as Directors to the DeKalb County SWCD.

Watershed Planning is still ongoing, the next meeting is March 21. The Goals Workshop will be on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. at the Genoa City Hall.

The Watershed Bus tour is tentatively scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, Director involvement is encouraged.

The DeKalb County SWCD will conduct a transect survey this spring.

Farmer workshop will be planned for this late summer to satisfy grant requirements.

The District staff has approximately 200 acres to seed this spring

Brainstorming with the board will occur this summer after planting season.

## Time Sheet Approval

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

## Unfinished business

None

## New business

**Election of Officers-** Associate Director Jim Arndt conducted the election of Officers for 2024. Nominations include Paul Kuhn Chairman, Dan Kenney Vice Chairman, Lynn Martz Treasurer, Anita Zurbrugg Secretary. John Begun moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for the slate. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, a hand vote was taken, and the motion carried 5 yes and 0 nays.

**FY24 Practice Component List for PFC-** Director Kuhn moved to approve the Practice Component list provided by the IDOA for FY24 PFC Cost Share projects. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**FY23 PFC Cost Share Applications, Prioritization, and approval-** Resource Conservationist Jeff Woodyatt provided the board with the prioritization list for PFC projects. Director Zurbrugg moved to approve the project rankings and to provide cost share assistance to the ranked candidates as follows: Barry Smith \$2187.77, Britton Kaiser \$8750.43, Jerry Anderson \$1230.75, Edward Engel \$5834.06, Paul Taylor \$2562.67, Paul Idlas \$3646.28. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**NRI Solar Project Twombly Road-** Director Kuhn moved to approve the NRI report with the approved stated opinions from the board. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Conference Room TV-** Director Kuhn moved to approve the purchase of a new TV for the Conference Room not to exceed \$1000.00. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

## Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Director Kenney and seconded by Director Zurbrugg, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be April 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

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Chairman

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Date