



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on March 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Paul Kuhn at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, Paul Kuhn, Lynn Martz, and Anita Zurbrugg

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Byron Cann, Paul Dreska, and Peggy Doty

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Directors John Begun and Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the February 9, 2022 meeting made by: Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Martz, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a written report on the activities of the NRCS staff for the month of February and an outlook to the month of March.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Doty provided an update on the planning and activities of the Natural Resource Center. Peggy updated the board on the Pine Creek watershed planning efforts in Ogle County, Extension is providing guidance moving forward. Science Olympiad will be held at Sycamore Middle School on March 17. Peggy has been working with some young female middle school students on watershed issues. She has been happy with the buy in and results of this program.

Correspondence

Illinois Department of Agriculture grants have been distributed to the SWCD's for signatures. DeKalb County SWCD will receive \$81,958.76 in operations and \$26,112.68 in PFC cost share funds. We are uncertain when the funds will arrive.

Jeff Woodyatt our Resource Conservationist has completed all his Conservation Planning courses under the guidance of NRCS and is now a level III Certified Planner. Congratulations Jeff.

The DeKalb County SWCD will be conducting Conservation Forums the last week in March. Sites include Calvary Lutheran Church north of Lee, Larson Farms Maple Park and Paul and Linda Kuhn Farms north of Genoa. These are intended to be small group forums that will address resource concerns in their neighborhoods.

Dean and Jeff will be attending the 2022 Leadership for Midwestern Watersheds Conference in Prairie du Chien WI, March 31-April 1.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

SWCD Election of Officers- Director Zurbrugg moved that the current officer positions remain the same as the past year- John Begun Chairman, Paul Kuhn Vice Chairman, Lynn Martz Treasurer, and Dan Kenney as Secretary. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried 3 yes 0 nays.

Practice Component List for PFC Program FY22- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve the Practice Component List for PFC Programs for FY22 with cost share to be applied at 75%. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

75th Anniversary Committee Report- Director Zurbrugg provided a written report and update on the activities of the 75th Anniversary Committee. The Committee has selected a tentative date, looked at speaker options, and potential venues. The Committee will meet again on March 16th to review information and begin to make some plans and how to structure the event. A budget will need to be approved by the SWCD board to move forward.

75th Anniversary Budget Approval- Director Martz moved to approve a budget of \$7000.00 for the 75th Anniversary Event. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be April 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date