



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on May 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:08 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Peggy Doty

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA: Shelly Ray Regional Representative

Guest: Paul Koeppen

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Anita Zurbrugg

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the April 12, 2023 meetings made by: Director Kenney, seconded by Director Martz, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

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

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Doty provided an update to the activities occurring at Russell Woods. Looking for an intern and has an AmeriCorp person who is working out well. Summer Camps will start soon.

IDOA: Shelly Ray presented updates to the board regarding grant agreements and future projects from the Department of Agriculture.

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. We hope to receive funding in a few weeks.

An approved State budget is anticipated in the next few weeks. The SWCD is hoping for level or improved funding for next year.

The Watershed Coordinator Grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation is anticipated to arrive around the first half of May.

Director Kenney is working with a landowner near the intersection of Normal Road and Dresser Roads in DeKalb. Dan is hoping an agreement can be made to have the DeKalb County SWCD use the land for demonstration plots to create more public awareness of conservation and the Districts efforts in the community.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

PFC Pollinator Project: Director Kenney moved to approve the PFC pollinator project for Beth Prestegaard for \$1175.58. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Kenney moved to approve the PFC rain garden project for \$672.08 for Julia Fauci. Director Kuhn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NRI #728: Director Kenney moved to approve the Natural Resource Information Report for Solar project #728 in Mayfield Township. Director Kuhn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vegetative Filter Strip Tax Incentive: Director Kuhn moved to approve the tax incentive for a vegetative filter strip located in Shabbona Township for Rodney Challand. Director Kenney seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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 June 14, 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