



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

A Zoom/ in person Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on May 12, 2021. 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, and Anita Zurbrugg

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Joe Gulotta, Gordon Kohn and Nick Moore

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Absent

Guest: None

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Director Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kuhn, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a printed report updating the board on the activities of NRCS for the month of April and the outlook for 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: No report

Correspondence

Grant Agreements to the IDOA are complete, we are now waiting on the Comptroller to release FY 21 Operations and Cost Share funds, no word on when that will occur.

Farm Bureau's Summer Ag Institute will be held June 14-17, the District will be involved in this project.

Still waiting on notification from IEPA on whether the Watershed Planning Grant Application has been approved for the Northern South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed.

Farm Bureau's Ag Literacy committee is looking for book sponsors to have books placed in the school district libraries. There is an opportunity for the SWCD to sponsor a book called "Erosion" which is in tune to our message regarding erosion control. Sponsorships are usually \$300-\$500. This will be considered at a future meeting.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

CPP Pollinator Project- Director Kuhn moved to approve a CPP pollinator project for Elizabeth Simon for a maximum payment of \$365.36. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

NRI DK Solar Project- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve the Natural Resource Information Report for DK Solar with the stated written comments in the report. Director Martz seconded the motion, after a lengthy discussion motion carried 4 yes 0 no.

Resource Conservationist Modified Summer Hours- Director Kuhn moved to allow the Resource Conservationist to come in at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday from May 18 to August 6, 2021 to help facilitate childcare for the summer months. The Resource Conservationist will shorten his lunch hour in half on the affected days of the week. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Reception for Joe Bybee- Director Kuhn moved that the DeKalb SWCD pick up any additional expenses not covered by donations for Joe Bybee's retirement reception. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Kuhn, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be June 9, 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