



# Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

## Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 5/8/2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees

**Attendees included:** Directors, John Begun, Paul Kuhn, Lynn Martz, Anita Zurbrugg and Dan Kenney (arrived at 7:11)

**Associate Directors:** Stan Doty, Peggy Anesi, Paul Idlas and Jim Arndt

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Aaron Seim

**IDOA:**

**Guests:** Alexa Skirmont

## Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

## Approval of the agenda

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

## Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the April 10, 2024 meetings made by: Director Zurbrugg, seconded by Director Martz, approved.

## Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to approve the Treasures Report made by: Director Begun 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 May. Aaron provided updates on CSP, EQIP and CRP programs. Aaron highlighted some potential Farm Bill ideas.

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

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

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** Field studies were held at Russell Woods 580 kindergarten children from the DeKalb School District participated. Teacher's Workshop is planned for the second week of June.

**IDOA:** No Report

## Correspondence

The District has submitted a 319 grant application to the IEPA for watershed planning in the Somonauk Creek Watershed. We now have 2 applications under consideration.

The AISWCD has requested that we get in touch with our legislators regarding FY25 funding. The current bill shows a reduction to \$4.5 million for the SWCDs statewide. This is a 42% reduction from last year's allocation.

Balance of FY24 operation funds still left to be received is \$17,051.55, Cost share is \$25,371.94

Watershed Goals workshop was attended by 50 people and was very successful.

AISWCD dues have been paid on the portion of the allocation we have received.

## Time Sheet Approval

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

## Unfinished business

None

## New business

**NRI #736 Solar project-** Director Kenney moved to approve NRI 736 for a Solar Site located in the jurisdiction of the Town of Cortland. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Bus expense for watershed tour-** Due to the increase in the bus expense for the watershed bus tour Director Martz moved to use funds to cover the extra costs from the Education fund. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Summer Activity-** The board was tasked with trying to identify a summer activity for the board meeting in August, ideas will be presented at the June board meeting.

**Transect Survey-** It was the consensus of the board to still try to complete the survey this spring.

## Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be June 12, 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