



# Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

## Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on November 9, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

## Attendees

**Attendees included:** Directors, Dan Kenney, John Begun and Anita Zurbrugg (virtual)

**Associate Directors:** Jim Arndt

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Arron Seim

**Guest:** Paul Idlas

## Directors not in attendance

**Members not in attendance included:** Lynn Martz and Paul Kuhn

## Approval of the agenda

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

## Approval of minutes

**Motion to approve minutes of the October 12, 2022 meetings made by:** Director Kenney, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, approved.

## Approval of Treasurers Report

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

## Reports

**NRCS Report:** District Conservationist Arron Seim provided a report on the activities of the NRCS for the month of October and the outlook for November. NRCS will be receiving approximately \$19 billion dollars over the next 5 years. State Conservationist Ivan Dozier will be retiring in January. Richard Rappley will be leaving the Sycamore Field office to work out of Morris as a Civil Engineering Tech with NRCS. A new Soil Conservationist will begin in the Sycamore Field office on November 21. Program work is ongoing for CSP, EQIP and CRP.

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

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

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** No Report.

## Correspondence

No word on the IEPA Watershed Planning Grant, that the district applied for last August.

Notice that IDOA will be hiring 40 new employees over the next couple of years to be placed in IDOA offices and that will assist with CRP technical work and reporting. This agreement is for \$13.3 million. Grantors are NRCS and IDOA. More information to come in the future.

Midwestern Watershed Leadership Conference is to be held in Ft. Wayne Indiana. Dean and Jeff are registered to attend.

District truck may need new brakes, Dean will investigate.

Resource Conservationist Jeff Woodyatt has been approached by the nominating committee of the Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District Employees Association to serve on their board for the next term.

## Time Sheet Approval

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

## Unfinished business

## New business

**Approve Comptroller's Financial Review-** Director Kuhn moved to approve the Comptroller's Financial Report for the DeKalb County SWCD FY22. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried 4 yes, 0 no.

**FY23 Annual Plan of Work-** Director Kuhn moved to approve the FY23 Annual Plan of Work for the DeKalb County SWCD. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Selection of Nominating Committee-** It was the consensus of the board to ask Janeen Vogeler, Byron Cann and Greg Millburg to serve as the Nominating Committee for this year's election of the Board.

**Compliance Review-** It was the consensus of the board to file a complaint to NRCS concerning extensive gully erosion that is occurring on FSA Farm # 5780 tracts 9041 and 8206. The SWCD Board is asking NRCS to add it to their compliance spot check list for next year.

## Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Director Martz, seconded by Director Kuhn, motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be November 9, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

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Chairman

Date