



# Meeting Minutes

## DeKalb County

### Soil and Water Conservation District

#### Call to order

A meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on October 14, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:00 p.m.

#### Attendees

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

**Associate Directors:** Jim Arndt and Nick Moore

**Staff:** Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

**NRCS:** Aaron Seim

**Guest:** None

#### Directors not in attendance

**Members not in attendance included:** Director Anita Zurbrugg.

#### 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 August 12, 2020 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 Kenney, approved.

## Reports

**NRCS Report:** District Conservationist Aaron Seim presented an update of the activities of the NRCS for the past month and the outlook for October. Aaron highlighted a grant through RCPP that will be available in our county in the near future, he will update as he finds out more information.

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

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

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

## Correspondence

IEPA Watershed Plan is under review by the IEPA. We should hear by the end of October if the plan has been approved.

Watershed webinar will be held November 19 following the LUC-16 meeting. This will be a zoom webinar, speakers include Steve Zimmerman from Applied Ecological Services, Dean Johnson DeKalb County SWCD, Kerry Leigh from the Natural Land Institute and Lauren Lurkins from the Illinois Farm Bureau.

Regenerative Ag Webinar is planned for March of 2021

IDOA will hold Conservation Cropping Seminar at the end of January using a virtual format

## Time Sheet Approval

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

## Unfinished business

None

## New business

**Approval of FY2020 Financial Report-** Director Kenney moved to approve the FY2020 financial report completed by the CPA. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion passed with 4 yes votes.

**NRCS Cooperative Agreement-** Director Kuhn moved to enter into a Cooperative Agreement to provide administrative assistance to NRCS through the AISWCD. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

**NRCS CRP Agreement-** Director Kuhn moved to enter into an agreement to provide CRP assistance to NRCS through the AISWCD. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Annual Plan of Work FY21-** With no significant changes made Director Kuhn moved to approve the FY21 Annual Plan of Work for the DeKalb County SWCD. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Annual Corporate Sponsor for DeKalb County Pheasants Forever Chapter-** Director Kenney moved to be a corporate sponsor to the local DeKalb County Chapter of Pheasants Forever for \$250.00. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Training Conferences-** Director Kuhn moved to cover the expenses for the AISWCDEA Winter Training and the Midwestern Watershed Leadership Conference for the District Employees. Motion was seconded by Director Kenney, motion carried.

## Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn:** Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Martz, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be November 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. . The meeting will be held in the SWCD conference room located in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore, Illinois.

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Chairman

Date