



Meeting Minutes

DeKalb County

Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 9/13/2023. The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, Paul Kuhn, Anita Zurbrugg and Lynn Martz

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Rick Bend, Peggy Doty, Byron Cann, and Paul Koeppen Jr.

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA:

Guest: Emily Polec

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: John Begun and Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the August 9, 2023 meetings made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: A written report on the activities of the NRCS office and the outlook for the month of September was provided by Aaron Seim.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Doty provided updates to the activities at the Natural Resource Center and the upcoming Watershed Stewardship for Leaders Seminars starting in November.

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

Working in coordination with the local FFA chapters to hold the Soil Judging Contest on September 29th near Sycamore.

We held the Kick-off meeting for the Central South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Steering Committee on August 31st. Next meeting is planned for October 19th. We will be looking for sites to hold the bus tour in early June of 2024.

Jeff and Dean attended the Farm Progress Show at the end of August.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

New business

PFC Cost Share Approval- Director Zurbrugg moved to amend the PFC contract with Barry Smith to \$2242.70. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Next Watershed Planning Area Discussion- After a brief discussion and briefing by Dean Johnson Director Zurbrugg moved to move ahead with an application to the IEPA for 319 funding for a

watershed-based plan for the Somonauk Creek Watershed which will include Lake Holiday. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz and seconded by Director Zurbrugg

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be October 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date