



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on September 8, 2021. 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 Anita Zurbrugg

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Byron Cann and Peggy Doty

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim and Mary Mcaleer

Guest: Marty McManus IDOA Regional Representative

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Director Paul Kuhn

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 September 8, 2021 meeting made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Zurbrugg, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: District Conservationist Aaron Seim provided a report updating the board on the activities of NRCS for the month of September and the outlook for October.

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

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: Peggy Doty presented a report on the activities of the Natural Resource Educator for the past month of August and provided an outlook into September.

Correspondence

We are still waiting on the IEPA regarding the watershed application for the Central South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Improvement Plan.

We have submitted a request for \$31,000.00 from DeKalb County for next year. The County Board will review in September or October during budget discussions.

The DeKalb SWCD was subpoenaed for fish records on an individual for a divorce hearing. The records were provided.

CREP will begin again around the first of the year. This will provide enhancements for CRP projects that are in the Fox River watershed in the southern half of DeKalb County.

Former Director Paul Taylor was selected as a Master Farmer by the Prairie Farmer Magazine. Congratulations to Paul.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

Natural Resource Education Funding- Director Martz moved to provide \$23,000.00 in funding to support the natural resource education provided by the University of Illinois Extension in DeKalb County for FY22. The funding will be reviewed annually by the SWCD Board of Directors. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

New business

CPP Cost Share- Director Zurbrugg moved to provide Jeff Halet \$4218.00 in cost share assistance to construct a grassed waterway. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kenney, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore.

Chairman

Date