



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 9/11/2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:07 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Peggy Anesi, Byron Cann, Stan Doty and Gordon Kohn

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Aaron Seim

IDOA:

Guests:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Dan Kenney

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 August 14, 2024 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 Begun, approved.

Reports

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Anesi reported that a Unit workshop was held at Russell Woods and the Dean Johnson presented on the watershed activities occurring in DeKalb County. Jeff Woodyatt also made a presentation to the Master Watershed Program in Boone County.

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

AISWCD Executive Director Dr. Michael Woods has been terminated. The AISWCD board has hired Grant Hammer as Interim Director until a replacement is found.

Dean Johnson is working with Dan Templin from the Community Foundation and Nicole Juday from Ideal Industries Foundation to set up a meeting with Sycamore City officials on the potential new fire station in Sycamore and to see how they could incorporate water quality Best Management Practices into the landscaping and design to match what Ideal Industries will be incorporating into their new Connector pathway across the street from the site. The plan is to meet after the first of the year.

A big thank you to Anita Zurbrugg for hosting the August board meeting at her home.

Dean reported that his first day at work was on this day September 11, 2001 23 years ago.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

New business

PFC Cost Share- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve \$7380.60 in PFC cost share to Rick Bend for seeding cover crops. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Zurbrugg moved to approve \$2400.00 in PFC cost share to Richard Happ to install strip till practices on his farm. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Martz moved to approve \$800.00 in PFC cost share for a well-sealing for Richard Happ. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Zurbrugg moved to approve \$2771.17 in PFC cost share for Jim Arndt for a grassed waterway. John Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Zurbrugg moved to approve \$10,750.00 in SSRP funding to Jamie Fitzpatrick. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

Annual Financial Review- Director Begun moved to approve the Comptroller's Annual Financial Review prepared by Patty Foster. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Book donation to Ag in the Classroom- Director Martz moved to make a \$300 donation to purchase books for the DeKalb County schools. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be October 9, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau, 1350 West Prairie Dr. in Sycamore, IL

Chairman

Date