



Meeting Minutes

DeKalb County

Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

The monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 10/8/2024. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:02 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Peggy Anesi, Byron Cann, Paul Idlas, Stan Doty and Paul Koeppen Jr.

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS:

IDOA:

Guests:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the September 11, 2024 meetings made by: Director Begun, 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 was not in attendance no report was given.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: Peggy Anesi reported that the Master Watershed program in Boone County was almost completed. Peggy also reported that they have received a \$5000.00 grant from the Wheaton Franciscans to be used for watershed education.

IDOA: No Report

Correspondence

Della Bend wife of Dick Bend and former Associate Director has passed away.

Our Accountant Patty Foster has completed the Independent Accountant's report for the DeKalb County SWCD.

The Village of Kingston will be constructing a new wastewater treatment plant. The plant will be located on the north side of the railroad and adjacent to Thurlby Road.

DeKalb County Pheasants Forever Banquet is November 19th at 6:00 p.m. at Faranda's in DeKalb.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

None

New business

NRI 740- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve NRI report #740 for a solar site located on Scout Road north of Kirkland. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

U of I Extension Grant Agreement- Director Kenney moved to approve \$15,000.00 to be paid to the U of I Extension for Natural Resources Educational support in DeKalb County. Director Begun seconded the motion, motion carried.

NRCS Grant Agreement- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve and continue the agreement with NRCS for administrative and technical assistance. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Samardzija-Guthedha Family Fund- The Executive Director shared information with the board on a new fund established at the DeKalb County Community Foundation. This fund has components that involve the SWCD. It was the consensus of the board to establish a subcommittee to review this further and provide a report to the full board. Directors Zurbrugg, Kenney and Cann volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Kenney and seconded by Director Martz, approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be November 13, 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