



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order Monthly Board Meeting

The Monthly Board meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held on 8/13/2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:40 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, Rick Bend, Anita Zurbrugg, Paul Kuhn, Lynn Martz and Dan Kenney

Associate Directors: Stan Doty, Peggy Anesi, Jim Arndt and John Begun

Staff: Dean Johnson, Executive Director and Jeff Woodyatt, Resource Conservationist, and Grace Coveliers District Conservation Planner

NRCS: Aaron Seim District Conservationist, Alex Ibes, Rachel Rorher

IDOA: Not Present

Guests: Abby Arndt, Maylan Kenney, Teri Doty, Katie, Linda Begun, Linda Kuhn

Directors not in attendance

Members not present included:

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the 8/13/2025 agenda made by Director Kenney seconded by Director Zurbrugg. Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of July 9, 2025 made by Director Kenney and seconded by Director Bend. Motion carried.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to approve the Treasurers Report made by Director Zurbrugg. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Reports

NRCS- Aaron Seim provided a written report of the activities of the NRCS office for the past month and the outlook for August.

NREC- Peggy Anesi reported on upcoming activities such as Watershed Citizens group, Watershed for leaders, rainscaping, and the Environmental Summit.

Resource Conservationist- Jeff Woodyatt gave an update on his activities for the past month and the outlook for August.

Executive Director- Dean Johnson provided a written update for the past month's activities and the outlook for August.

District Conservation Planner- Grace Coveliers provided a written report and updates on her activities for the month of July and the outlook for activities in August.

DeKalb County Watersheds Council- Next meeting will be held on August 27, 2025 at 3 p.m..

Correspondence

Letters were prepared and sent out to townships requesting financial support to the SWCD. Townships with Directors located within the township were asked to mail or talk to the township they reside in to garner up some support.

Dean has contacted the DeKalb County government to inquire about when the funding could be expected to arrive to the SWCD, typically this has been in July.

Invitations have been sent out to potential leaders for the Watershed Stewardship for Leaders program that starts in November.

Grace has been preparing the quarterly newsletter, which should be emailed within the next month.

The IDOA Conservation Cropping Seminar will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau on January 27, 2026.

Time Sheet Approval

Employee Time Sheets Reviewed By: Director Zurbrugg, and Director Martz

Unfinished business

SWCD County Road Signs- Director Kenney moved to approve purchasing 12 County Road signs to be placed on the state highways entering DeKalb County by the Illinois Department of Transportation. Director Bend seconded the motion, motion carried.

New business

Approval of the FY26 Annual Plan of Work- Director Zurbrugg moved to approve the FY26 Annual Plan of Work for the DeKalb County SWCD. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

PFC Well Sealing- Director Kenney moved to approve \$850.00 for a well Sealing for Harold Erlenbach. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

PFC Cover Crop- Director Martz moved to approve \$4999.69 for cover crops for Austin Sanderson. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Nutrient Trading Program- The Resource Conservationist made a presentation on a nutrient trading program; the goal is for Wastewater Treatment Facilities to get credits by working with producers to incorporate new Best Management Practices to reduce nutrient loading within the WWT watershed. It was the consensus of the board to move forward with the idea and develop a plan for implementation.

Conservation Minute- Dean discussed the differences between sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be on September 10, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore Illinois.

Chairman

Date