



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 9/10/2025. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Kuhn at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Stan Doty, Paul Koeppen Jr., Jim Arndt

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

NRCS: Aaron Seim District Conservationist

IDOA: Not Present

Guests:

Directors not in attendance

Members not present included:

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve the 9/10/2025 agenda made by Director Kenney seconded by Director Bend.
Motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 13, 2025 made by Director Martz and seconded by Director Kenney. 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 September.

NREC- No report

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

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

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

DeKalb County Watersheds Council- Jeff provided an update. The next meeting will be October 29.

Correspondence

FY 25 PFC dollars have arrived

Road signs for roadside have been ordered and paid for to the AISWCD

Received donation from META for meal at December Watershed Stewardship for Leaders program. There is potential for funding environmental projects through META's grant program, staff will investigate that once the program is announced.

DeKalb County Farm Bureau is considering a pollinator field on their property

Directors are reminded to sign up for Watershed Stewardship for Leaders Program

Time Sheet Approval

Employee Time Sheets Reviewed By: Director Martz

Unfinished business

New business

PFC Amendment- Director Martz moved to approve a contract amendment for Austin Sanderson cover crop seeding of \$5919.63. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

CRP Compliance letters- The board had a discussion on CRP compliance letters that are sent out to Landowners. Ideas were exchanged to see if Tenants could be included in the mailings. USDA has established criteria for this process; it is uncertain if changes could be made, further discussion is needed. No action was taken.

Conservation Minute- Dean provided an enlightening video on the Dan Sanderson Family and being selected as this year's winner of the Leopold Conservation Award.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be on October 8, 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