



Meeting Minutes DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District

Call to order

A meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD was held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture in Sycamore Illinois on February 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Lynn Martz and Scott Pumroy

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Janeen Vogeler.

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Mike Richolson

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Directors Paul Kuhn and Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by: Director Pumroy, Seconded by Director Martz, motion carried.

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the February 13, 2019 meeting made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Pumroy, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to approve the Treasures Report made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Begun, motion carried.

Reports

NRCS Report: Mike Richolson provided a verbal update for the board on the activities of the NRCS in January and the outlook for February.

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

SWCD Executive Director: Dean Johnson provided a written report of the activities of the Executive Director for the month of January and the outlook for February.

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: No Report

Correspondence

The DeKalb County SWCD elections were held on February 12, congratulations to John Begun and Lynn Martz, each were re-elected to serve a 2 year term on the board.

A discussion took place regarding a partnership with Pheasants Forever and having a SWCD staff member obtain accreditation to be a burn boss and assist the local Pheasants Forever Chapter in controlled management burns. It was the consensus of the board to let the staff assist in this process.

Dean Johnson updated the board on the watershed project for the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed. The Kick off meeting took place on February 5th. Twenty members of the Steering Committee were in attendance.

Louise Johnson a former employee with the District and NRCS passed away. Louise was a valuable part of our office for a short time and made many contributions to the conservation efforts.

Time Sheet Approval

Employee time sheets were reviewed and approved by: Director Pumroy

Unfinished business

Envirothon Volunteers: Byron Cann, Lynn Martz, and Janeen Vogeler have agreed to assist as volunteers for the North Event in Crystal Lake on April 11, 2019.

New business

CPP Waterway - Dick Fowler: Director Martz moved to provide \$6347.25 in CPP cost share assistance to Dick Fowler to reshape an existing grassed waterway. Director Pumroy seconded the motion, motion carried.

S.T.A.R. Program: The DeKalb County SWCD will begin to promote the STAR program throughout the county; each Director who is a Producer is encouraged to complete the survey on at least one of their crop fields.

Employee Work Shirts: Director Pumroy moved that each employee will be budgeted \$300 to purchase labeled SWCD work shirts. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Contractors Workshop: The Executive Director asked to have the DeKalb SWCD sponsor a soil erosion and sediment control workshop for local builders and earth contractors. It was the consensus of the board to sponsor this event.

ARC GIS for new District Employee: A motion was made by Director Martz to purchase a ARC GIS license for \$700.00 per year for the new computer for the Resource Conservationist. Director Pumroy seconded the motion, motion carried

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be April 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held in the SWCD conference room located in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore, Illinois.

Secretary

Date of approval