



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 12, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:40 p.m.

Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Gordon Kohn, Janeen Vogeler, Peggy Doty and Byron Cann

Staff: Dean Johnson

NRCS:

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Dan Kenney and Paul Kuhn

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Pumroy, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to approve the Treasures Report made by: Director Martz and seconded by Director Begun, approved.

Reports

NRCS Report: Acting District Conservationist Lori Younker provided a written update as to the activities of the NRCS in the month of January and the outlook for February. Highlight of the report included that the District Conservationist position has been posted and interviews have occurred. The Human Resource Department of NRCS is making an offer to one of the candidates.

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: Peggy Doty gave a report of her activities. She is working on a groundwater program through U of I Extension. Peggy has also gotten requests for Adult River Camp to be offered possibly a 3 day event. A Documentary on Pollinator and Butterfly will be presented at 6:30 p.m. at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau on April 7, 2020.

Correspondence

The Land Use Council will hold a Hemp workshop on February 27th from 1-3 p.m. at the Farm Bureau.

Still waiting on allocation to arrive for Operations and Cost Share

Regenerative Agriculture Seminar will be held August 13 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. Lead District for the program is Kane/DuPage SWCD. Land Use Council 16 will be a partner.

Prescribed Burn Workshop will be on March 13th at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau. \$10 registration fee is required.

Soil Erosion Sediment Control Workshop will be held on March 9 at Elgin Community College, sponsored by Kane/DuPage SWCD.

Envirothon North Event will be April 7 in Crystal Lake.

We have created a post seeding informational letter to give out to Producers that we have assisted with native seeding this past year.

DeKalb City Engineer wants to meet with the District to discuss projects that have or are occurring in DeKalb especially on the South side of town.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

Proposal to the DeKalb County Community Foundation- A proposal was made to the Land Use Committee of the DeKalb County Community Foundation to request funding to establish a new watershed website with Arc GIS story map features. The District will develop the site and manage it. Initial first year cost would be \$5139.00 and maintenance fees for the next 3 years which will be reviewed annually. The Land Use Committee has approved the proposal it has now been sent to the Community Works committee for their review and approval.

New business

Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with NRCS- Director Martz moved that the DeKalb County SWCD approve the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with NRCS. Director Pumroy seconded the motion, motion carried.

CPP waterway Project with Walt Dander- Director Martz moved that the DeKalb SWCD approve \$2871.00 of CPP funds to reshape a grassed waterway for Walt Dander. Director Pumroy seconded the motion, motion carried.

Fee Schedules for 2020- It was the consensus of the board to not change the current fee schedule for District activities.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz, seconded by Director Pumroy, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be March 11, 2020 at 12:30 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. A light lunch will be at noon.

Chairman

Date