



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 March 13, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:35 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Dan Kenney, Paul Kuhn and Scott Pumroy

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Janeen Vogeler, Dick Bend, Rick Bend, Byron Cann and Paul Dreska

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Mike Richolson

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Director Lynn Martz

Approval of the agenda

Motion to approve agenda made by: Director Kuhn, Seconded by Director Kenney, motion carried.

Approval of minutes

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

Approval of Treasurers Report

Motion to approve the Treasures Report made by: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Kenney, motion carried.

Reports

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

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: No Report

Correspondence

As of this date no payments have been received from the State of Illinois for Operations or Cost share. The Governor's proposed budget for FY20 for the SWCD looks similar to last year.

We were able to get a copy of Arc Map loaded onto the Resource Conservationist's computer. There is an agreement with NRCS and NACD to provide this to the local Districts.

The South Branch of the Kishwaukee River Watershed Bus Tour will occur on Saturday June 8th.

The Simonson Scholarship applications are due back to the DeKalb County SWCD office by March 31st.

The DeKalb County Farmland Foundation Fund has \$457.89 that can be granted to the SWCD or reinvested into the fund.

Time Sheet Approval

Employee time sheets were reviewed and approved by: Director Kuhn

Unfinished business

None

New business

Election of Officers: Director Kenney moved that the current slate of Officers be re-instated for 2019. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried unanimously in favor of John Begun as Chairman, Paul Kuhn Vice-Chairman, Lynn Martz Secretary and Scott Pumroy as Treasurer.

Rain Barrels: Director Kuhn moved to purchase 20 rain barrels to offer for sale through the DeKalb SWCD. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Drone Class and License: Director Kenney moved that the District contribute no more than \$400.00 to pay for a Drone Class at Kishwaukee College in April along with the Drone pilot's test and license fee for the Resource Conservationist. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried.

S.T.A.R. Signage: Director Kuhn moved to have the District purchase the S.T.A.R. signs from Champaign County SWCD for the participants in the program in DeKalb County. Director Pumroy seconded the motion, motion carried. Paul Kuhn and Paul Dreska said that they will provide posts for the signs to be posted at the participating field.

Rainfall Simulator: Director Kuhn moved to purchase a rainfall simulator kit and that the District uses the grant funds of \$457.89 from the DeKalb County Farmland Foundation Fund and applies it to the cost of the kit. Director Pumroy seconded the motion, the 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.

Chairman

Date