



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 May 8, 2019. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 7:04 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Paul Kuhn, and Lynn Martz

Associate Directors: Nick Moore, Gordon Kohn and Anita Zurbrugg

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS: Clint Gwaltney

Guest:

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Scott Pumroy and Dan Kenney

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the April 10, 2019 meeting made by: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kuhn, motion carried.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: Clint Gwaltney provided a report for the board on the activities of the NRCS in April and the outlook for May. Lori Younker will be the Acting District Conservationist serving DeKalb and Oregon field offices until a new District Conservationist has been hired.

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

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

University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator: No Report

Correspondence

DeKalb County will have 7 solar sites as a result of the State lottery. The sites are located throughout the County. The Village of Somonauk will have a solar project located within the Village limits. All of the sites will have to apply with the local jurisdiction to obtain site development permits before construction can begin. Projects are anticipated to begin in 2019.

Grant funding for District Operations and cost share programs has been distributed to the SWCD's throughout the State. The LUC-16 portion of the State grants will arrive soon.

A thank you note from the retired District Conservationist Mike Richolson was shared with the SWCD Board of Directors.

The Regional Training Seminar will be held at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau on July 2nd. Sponsors include the National Resource Defense Council and the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

Time Sheet Approval

Employee time sheets were reviewed and approved by: Director Kuhn

Unfinished business

None

New business

CPP Cost Share Assistance: Director Kuhn moved to approve \$383.75 of cost share assistance to John Letzter for a 1 acre Pollinator project. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion passed.

District Investments: Director Kuhn moved to invest District funds into 3 local Banks within DeKalb County. \$40,000.00 will be deposited in a 9 month CD at the 5/3 Bank in DeKalb, \$40,000 will be deposited in a 10 month CD at the First Midwest Bank and \$40,000.00 will be deposited in a 27 month CD at the Mendota State Bank. Motion was seconded by Director Martz, motion carried.

CPA for Financial Review: Director Kuhn moved to contract with Foster's Tax and Accounting LLC for the 2019 Financial Review. Cost of the review is \$1900.00. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

June Budget Meeting Date: It was the consensus of the board to postpone establishing a date for the budget meeting until the June 12th, 2019 meeting.

Donation toward 4-H Plaque: Director Martz moved to donate \$20.00 to the DeKalb County 4-H Foundation for the purchase of a plaque for the General Project Show in July. Director Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be June 12, 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