



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 11, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:30 p.m.

Attendees

Attendees included: Directors, John Begun, Anita Zurbrugg, Paul Kuhn, Dan Kenney and Lynn Martz
Associate Directors: Rick Bend, Janeen Vogeler, Peggy Doty, Paul Dreska, Scott Pumroy and Byron Cann

Staff: Dean Johnson and Jeff Woodyatt

NRCS:

Guest: Joe Bybee, IDOA

Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included:

Approval of the agenda

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

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve minutes of the February 12, 2020 meeting made by: Director Kuhn, seconded by Director Martz, approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report

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

Reports

NRCS Report: Update on the District Conservationist Position - Aaron Seim will be the new District Conservationist for the DeKalb/Ogle grouping. Aaron's start date will be March 16, 2020.

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: Peggy Doty was in attendance but had no new information or updates to present.

Correspondence

Still waiting on allocation to arrive for Operations and Cost Share from IDOA.

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.

Envirothon is planned for April 7 in Crystal Lake and April 9 in Wheaton.

Met with the DeKalb City Engineer to discuss activity on the south side of DeKalb near Gurler Road. This area has some large projects that have been approved and potential projects that could impact over 500 acres.

We are planning to meet with the Community Foundation and the Grand Victoria Foundation Representatives on March 13.

Time Sheet Approval

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

Unfinished business

The DeKalb County SWCD board presented Scott Pumroy with a framed certificate recognizing Director Pumroy's 36 years of service to the DeKalb County SWCD as an Associate and Director. Scott's support of District activities has been much appreciated for so many years.

New business

Election of Officers- Joe Bybee, Regional Representative with the Illinois Department of Agriculture conducted the election of officers for the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District. Mr. Bybee asked for nominations from the floor. Director Kuhn nominated John Begun to be Chairman of

the DeKalb County SWCD Board of Directors and moved that nominations be closed. Anita Zurbrugg seconded the motion, the motion passed 4 yes with 1 abstention.

Anita Zurbrugg nominated Paul Kuhn to serve as Vice-Chairman of the DeKalb County SWCD and that nominations be closed. Dan Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried 4 yes with 1 abstention.

Anita Zurbrugg nominated Lynn Martz to serve as Treasurer of the DeKalb County SWCD and that nominations be closed. Paul Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried 4 yes with 1 abstention.

Anita Zurbrugg nominated Dan Kenney to serve as Secretary of the DeKalb County SWCD and that nominations be closed. Paul Kuhn seconded the motion, motion carried 4 yes with 1 abstention.

The DeKalb County SWCD Officers for 2020- John Begun, Chairman

Paul Kuhn, Vice-Chairman

Lynn Martz, Treasurer

Dan Kenney, Secretary

Anita Zurbrugg, Director

CPP waterway Projects- Director Kuhn moved to approve \$2729.25 in PFC cost share assistance to Walt Roush for a grassed waterway project. Lynn Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

Director Martz moved to approve \$6915.00 in cost share assistance to William Deutsch for a grassed waterway project. Director Zurbrugg seconded the motion, motion carried.

CD Investment- Director Martz moved to move the \$40,000.00 matured CD from Fifth Third Bank into the checking account fund. Director Kenney seconded the motion, motion carried.

Conservation Easement Proposal- Director Kenney presented a proposal on a piece of property Northeast of Genoa to the SWCD board. Part of the proposal would include a conservation easement which the District is capable to hold. Director's Zurbrugg and Kenney agreed to work on putting together a policy for holding easements to ensure that the District is in a position to move forward with projects if the opportunity arises. The Director's will update the board at the April meeting.

Discussion with CHS- Executive Director Dean Johnson met with David Myers with CHS Elburn to talk about new technology in the fertilizer industry and to see if it would be possible to use that resource to improve the environmental impacts in the agriculture industry and also to provide a financial support opportunity to the local SWCD's. This is concept idea with more testing and data needed to see if it would be a possibility. Future updates are expected later in the year.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Director Martz, seconded by Director Kenney, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be April 8, 2020 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