



# 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 December 12, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Begun at 12:45 p.m.

## Attendees

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

Associate Directors: Jim Arndt, Dick Bend, Rick Bend, Byron Cann, Peggy Doty, Paul Dreska, Joe Gulotta, Ryan Hayes and Janeen Vogeler.

Staff: Dean Johnson

NRCS: Clint Gwaltney and Richard Rappley

Guest:

## Directors not in attendance

Members not in attendance included: Director 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 November 14, 2018 meeting made by: Director Pumroy, seconded by Director Kuhn, motion carried.

## Approval of Treasurers Report

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

## Reports

**NRCS Report:** Clint Gwaltney provided an update for the board on the activities of the NRCS in November and the outlook for December.

**SWCD Resource Conservationist:** Dean Johnson provided a written report of the activities of the Resource Conservationist for the month of November and the outlook for activities occurring in December.

**University of Illinois Natural Resources Educator:** Peggy Doty provided an update of the activities occurring at Russell Woods. It was a good year for school visits and January 19<sup>th</sup> is the annual Winterfest.

## Correspondence

Steve Chard from IDOA will be retiring at the end of the year along with Terry Savko also from IDOA. First Watershed Steering Committee meeting will be February 5<sup>th</sup>.

Conservation Cropping Seminar will be January 22<sup>nd</sup> in Mendota.

Northern Illinois Farm Show will be January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at the Convocation Center in DeKalb.

The DeKalb County SWCD received a \$3000.00 donation from a local cooperator to be used at the District's discretion.

Annual request for donations letter will be sent in the next week.

Lily Cobo's last day as an intern will be December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Time Sheet Approval

Employee time sheets were reviewed and approved by: Director Kuhn

## Unfinished business

**Job Posting for RC Position:** The District has received 3 applications for the position of Resource Conservationist. Interviews will be conducted on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## New business

**Natural Resource Information Reports:** The Resource Conservationist presented Natural Resources Information Reports for 2 proposed Solar Energy projects to be located in DeKalb County. After discussion Director Kuhn moved to approve NRI's 701 and 702 with the recommendations suggested by the board. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried 3 yes 1 no.

**Well Sealing Cost Share:** Scott Pumroy moved to approve \$750.00 in cost share assistance for a well sealing project for applicant Thomas Fenstermaker. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Employee Christmas Bonus:** Director Kuhn moved to give a \$500.00 (gross) Christmas bonus to the Resource Conservationist. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Employee Contract:** Director Kuhn moved to approve the 2019 Employee contract for Dean Johnson. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

**S.T.A.R. Program:** Director Kuhn moved that the DeKalb County SWCD will participate in the Saving Tomorrows Agriculture Resources Program in 2019. Director Martz seconded the motion, motion carried.

## Announcements

The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD will be January 16th, 2018 at 12:30 p.m.. A light lunch will be available at noon. The meeting will be held in the SWCD conference room located in the DeKalb County Farm Bureau's Center for Agriculture in Sycamore, Illinois.

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Secretary

Date of approval