

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes – February 8, 2024

Call to order- Chairman Fabrizius called meeting to order at 4:32 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Board members present: Fabrizius, Konen, Pauling, Quinn, and Soliz. Staff members present: Gerdts, McPartlan, Purdom, Keuning, Borzeka. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff present: Acting District Conservationist Joseph Bridges. Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) representative: Shelly Ray. Absent: none

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Soliz to accept the meeting agenda and seconded by Quinn, and **motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Pauling to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2024 meeting and seconded by Soliz, and **motion carried.**

Public Comment: Introductions around the table
David Schoenknecht – Director Candidate
Jera Piper – Director Candidate

Correspondence:

- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning letter of support for Jelkes Creek-Fox River Watershed Plan update grant application
- Carroll County Soil & Water Conservation District Administrative Coordinator thank you note for collaboration on administrative matters
- Kane County Farm Bureau call for sponsors for 2024 events (to be placed on the agenda for March Board Meeting)
- Association of Illinois Soil & Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) update letter re staffing and resolutions (Gerdts to email copy to Board {*completed*})

Time Sheets: Motion was made Konen to accept the timesheets, and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve NRIs 24-001 thru 24-015 seconded by Konen, and **motion carried.**

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – (see attached)

Resource Conservationist – (see attached)

Resource Analysts – (see 2 attached)

Resource Assistant - (see attached)

District Conservationist – New DC arrives and of February

Conservation Planner (none)

IDOA Representative: Post-election documents and Annual Review Meeting Report due April 1st

Board Action Items:

- None

Financial report and current bills: FY24 IDOA Grant funds \$69,958.76 payment expected next week. No specific comments re financials. Ahead of budget for month of Jan, just behind for the year-to-date. Motion made by Quinn to accept the financial report and pay current bills, seconded by Soliz, and **motion carried.**

Committees:

Personnel: none

Urban: none

Agriculture: Saving Tomorrow's Agriculture Resources (STAR) program is going national

Legislative: AISWCD plans for staffing changes as per aforementioned letter. March 6-7 is National Soil Week, Soliz & Konen will be in Springfield

Grants: Illinois Urban Manual – no update. Jelkes Watershed – Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has requested some additional data, working with CMAP to respond.

New Business:

- Welcome Acting District Conservationist (DC) Joseph Bridges, awaiting new DC at the end of February
- Reviewed safety protocols put in place in response to threatening person reported out on construction sites.
- Gerdts assigned task of inquiring of Mike Wurtz who his backup contact is in the event he is unavailable.
- Note – March meeting date is incorrect on the website, Gerdts to have corrected.
- Gerdts and McPartlan to provide outline of logistics and cost estimates for benchmarking trip to Franklin Ohio Soil & Water Conservation District by February 16 so that the Board can evaluate and approve

Old Business: Discussed McPartlan's continuing working schedule at reduced hours currently committed through the end of March, 2024.

Motion made by Quinn and seconded by Pauling to go into Annual Review at 6:37 pm, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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