

KANE-DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2021

Call to order – Vice Chairman Fabrizius called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. via a Zoom meeting. Board members present were: Soliz, Konen, and Quinn. Staff members present were: Hagen-Moeller, McPartlan, Shroder and Rankin. Pauling was absent.

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Soliz to approve the agenda and seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Konen to approve the minutes and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

Time Sheets: Motion to approve was made Konen by and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

LUO Review: Motion made by Konen to approve LUOs **21-006 to 21-014** seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried.**

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: Hagen-Moeller mentioned that a new group of FOIAs. She is handling all the requests.

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – Hagen-Moeller mentioned a teacher who was a faithful participant in the Envirothon, who registered for this year's competition and who is upset with LUC 16 and the state for cancelling. The state coordinator is handling the issue.

Resource Conservationist – McPartlan is glad the SESC Seminar is over and it went well, and that he was able to present at the National Biodiversity Teach-in. With the departure of Rachael West, Mark Bramstedt has said he will help out with the inspections. He also expects the O'Hare weekly inspections to get very interesting. He also mentioned that the new District Conservationist (who hasn't officially started yet) joined the staff meeting and that she really seemed nice.

Resource Assistant – (see attached).

Office Assistant – Rankin worked a lot on the Water Testing, the Tree/Plant sale and the Fish Sale, which was challenging this year due to several ePay issue and the high volume of orders.

District Conservationist– none.

Board Action Items: none.

Financial report and current bills – Hagen-Moeller said she signed IDOA agreement for around \$40,000 for operations and \$7500 for cost share. McPartlan mentioned that we got IEPA grants due to the IEPA inspection program being extended for two years. **Motion** made by Soliz to accept financial report and pay current bills seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried.**

Personnel Committee: Hagen-Moeller explained what was being done to replace West, and how the prospects looked. Fabrizius said he wanted to be included in the interviews and invited other board members to participate if they wanted.

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Legislative Committee: Soliz mentioned that Grant Hammer had sent an email to all of Illinois SWCDs with instructions on how to approach legislators about funding for the districts. It was incredibly easy to use. She was impressed with how well Hammer is settling into his role as the head of AISWCD. Konen agreed.

Old Business: Fox River Ecosystem Partnership's annual Film Fest is this weekend and will feature "Kiss the Ground" this year. Soliz said this is a great film we should make an effort to view.

New Business: The NRCS COVID directive say that we can only have 25 percent of staffing, rounding up, which would only allow three people in the office at any one time, and that includes Rand Briggs. It will be interesting to see how things work out when the new District Conservationist starts. We are allowed to count board members in those staff totals which helps give us one extra person, otherwise we would only be allowed two people.

The Election of the Officers: Fabrizius asked if fellow directors wanted to change up the roles. No one wanted to change anything. Motion made by Soliz to vote to approve these roles, Fabrizius as President, Konen as Vice President, Pauling as Secretary/Treasurer, was seconded by Konen and **motion carried**. Hagen-Moeller reminded the board that the District Act states that board members get only a \$20 per diem.

Motion made at 8:03 p.m. by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to adjourn; **motion carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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