KANE-DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2021

Call to order –Vice Chairman Konen called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. in the board room of Suite 100 at 2315 Dean Street, in St. Charles. Board members present were: Soliz and Quinn. Staff members present were: Briggs, Hagen-Moeller, McPartlan, Shroder and Monreal. Chairman Fabrizius and Treasurer Pauling were 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 Quinn to approve the agenda and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

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

LUO Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve LUOs 21-046 to 21-057 seconded by Quinn; and motion carried.

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: We received the Annual Reports from the NACD and the Conservation Foundation. The Annual Meeting of the NACD is in Chicago this year, on July 24-27.

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – Hagen-Moeller informed the board that the Kane County Agriculture Institute program that she had been preparing for was cancelled due to insufficient people signing up.

Resource Conservationist – McPartlan talked about learning to identify ideal locations for grass waterways for potential watershed planning.

Resource Analyst – Monreal added that she has been going through the SESCs dating from 2017 to 2020 comparing how much petitioners paid at the time of application vs actual project duration.

Resource Assistant – Shroder added that she was able to finally log in to AgLearn and complete the annual test for Internet Security.

Office Assistant – (see attached).

District Conservationist– Rebecca Briggs began with a request from Ivan Dozier to let the NRCS know of any farms that would make standout places for Secretary Vilsack to visit on his upcoming trip to Illinois. She gave the example of Don Patterson's Metro Farm in Chicago, an Urban Ag example. She needs this by July 14th. She mentioned two other events, the Grazing Conference in Mt Vernon on Aug 10-11, and Nutrient Stewardship Field Day in Woodstock on August 24th.

Board Action Items:

The Tuition Reimbursement Policy discussion was tabled until next month to give the directors more time to look at it.

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to approve no more than \$3,500.00 FY20 Partners for Conservation Funds for pollinator habitat for Matthew Brenner of Hampshire; and **motion** carried.

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Financial report and current bills – Hagen-Moeller said that we beat our budget projections made during the height of the COVID-19 economic issues by a substantial amount. **Motion** made by Soliz to accept financial report and pay current bills seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried**.

Personnel Committee: none.

Legislative Committee: none.

Outreach Committee: none.

Old Business: none.

New Business: McPartlan presented the SWCD-IDNR IGA CREP contract and Briggs highlighted the benefits. **Motion** made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to sign the contract; **motion carried.**

Motion made at 9:02 p.m. by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to adjourn; and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling Secretary/Treasurer

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