

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes – March 13 2024

Call to order- Vice Chairman Konen called meeting to order at 4:30 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Board members present: Bossenga, Konen, Pauling, Piper, and Soliz. Staff members present: Gerdts, McPartlan, Purdom, Keuning, Borzeka, Bramstedt. Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) staff present: District Conservationist Michael Brennan. Absent: none

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Soliz to accept the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Soliz to accept the minutes from the 2024 Annual Review meeting and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried.**

Public Comment: Introductions around the table

Election: Newly (re)elected Directors signed Acceptance of Office

Election of Officers:

Motion made by Soliz to elect Tom Konen as Chairman and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Konen to elect Maggie Soliz as Vice Chairman and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Soliz to re-elect Bill Pauling as Secretary/Treasurer and seconded by Konen, and **motion carried.**

Correspondence:

- none

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

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve NRIs 24-016 thru 24-025 seconded by Piper, and **motion carried.**

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – (see attached)

Resource Conservationist – (see attached)

Resource Analysts – (see 2 attached)

Resource Assistant - (see attached)

District Conservationist – (see attached)

Conservation Planner (none)

Board Action Items:

- Geneva Earth Day booth – no Board action required
- Kane County Farm Bureau sponsorship of 2024 event. Motion made by Soliz to sponsor at the Bronze level \$500 and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried.**
- Franklin County SWCD benchmarking trip – Board requests more information on goals
- Partners for Conservation cost share rates. Motion made by Pauling to accept and seconded by Soliz, and **motion carried.**

Financial report and current bills: FY24 IDOA Grant funds \$69,958.76 payment received 2-14-2024. Planner bonus and cost share funds expected by May. No specific comments re financials. Motion made by Pauling to accept the financial report and pay current bills, seconded by Soliz, and **motion carried.**

Committees: Committee Chair assignments tabled for April meeting

Personnel: none

Urban: none

Agriculture: none

Legislative: none

Grants: none

Board Member Reports: (see attached)

New Business:

- Welcome District Conservationist (DC) Michael Brennan
- Tech Team
 - No Report/LESA required by Kane County – Board requested staff call Kane to discuss (update: RC called Kane and requirement has been lifted)
 - Villa Park NRI for interior work requirements – Board requested staff call Villa Park to discuss
 - IEPA/NRI comparison report - reviewed
 - New IDOA PFC guidelines and deadlines - reviewed
 - Solar IDOA document samples AIMA - reviewed
- Liability Insurance Renewal - reviewed
- DuPage County Advisory Committee membership - determined to be a good fit
- QuickBooks – Board requested staff provide comparison of upgrade options in April
- Board Meeting Protocol/Time – Board Member reports determined to be a good addition. April meeting set for 4:30 pm and summer meeting time will be determined at April meeting.
- “Adopt-A-Highway” Dean St – staff clean up events in partnership with Kane County Forest Preserve determined to be a good initiative (no public volunteers)

Old Business: none

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Konen to go into Executive Session at 8:02 pm, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Pauling to return to regular meeting and approve the Executive Session items at 8:21 pm, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Pauling to go adjourn at 8:22 pm, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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