

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

Call to order - Chairman Konen called meeting to order at 5:58 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Directors present: Konen, Pauling, Piper and Soliz. Associate Directors present: none. Staff present: Gerdt, Keuning, McPartlan, Purdom, Borzeka. NRCS staff present: Brennan. Absent: Bossenga.

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Piper to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2024 meeting and the May 16, 2024 special meeting, and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**. Corrections: Chairman Konen's title.

Public Comment: Dean Farr, Director, McHenry/Lake SWCD presented re the need for watershed leadership amid the threat of water shortages.

Correspondence:

- U of I Extension thank you for donation of 23 plants remaining from KDSWCD spring plant sale to Extension plant sale (as thank you for Master Gardener volunteer assistance at tree and plant sales)
- Invitation for Directors to Local Officials Appreciation Picnic in Springfield 8/17/24
- Midwest Groundcover partnership on plant sale raffle and KDSWCD stocking their books for sale

Time Sheets: Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 5/10, 5/24, 6/7, and seconded by Piper; and **motion carried**.

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – (see attached)

Resource Conservationist – (see attached)

Resource Analysts – (see attached)

Resource Assistant - (see attached)

District Conservationist – (verbal) reported on variety of plan reviews in process

Conservation Planner (none)

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Pauling to approve NRIs 24-044 thru 24-055 except 24-053 seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**.

Board Action Items:

- Ethics Documents discussion tabled until August meeting pending AISWCD policy updates at Summer Conference. Directors to raise the concept of SWCDs advocating for farmland to AISWCD. Board confirms that NRIs are neutral and that the District takes no position on projects.

- Annual Plan of Work FY2025
Motion made by Soliz to accept the APW, and seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**.
Amendment: Goal 2 #10 verbiage change “survey” to “field data procurement”
- Budget FY2025
Motion made by Soliz to accept the Budget, and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**.

Financial report and current bills: Kat noted strong finish to FY24 will help counter challenges of FY25. Motion made by Pauling to accept the financial report and pay current bills, seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**.

Committees:

Personnel: Bossenga – absent

Urban: Piper – no report

Agriculture: Pauling – DuPage Farm Bureau Pollinator program. Fields are dry, most crops are in the ground, some had to replant due to wet conditions earlier

Legislative: Konen – SWCD lobbyist reports still hot debates on the floor. New AISWCD Board elected.

Grants: Gerdts – reported no action on the Jelke Watershed Plan grant application; IUM grant committee meetings are being in progress; pursuing Aurora grant for It’s Your Fox River Day in September

New Business:

- Gerdts to further explore administering 319 grants for constituents with projects such as the permeable paving, etc.
- Soliz recommends Chicago Wilderness membership as they are a well-connected partner to have. Gerdts to connect with Laura to explore options.
- Pauling and Konen to visit banks to update signatories for the District accounts. Chairman Konen to be added and Gerard Fabrizio removed.

Old Business:

- Technical Team – Borzeka reported
 - Villa Park NRI requirements – TBD. Board awaits future report
- Information Security Policy – Gerdts recommends adopting Illinois State Treasurer template. TechPro had little of substance to add. Gerdts will benchmark with other Districts. To be added to District Policy overhaul for 2025.

Chairman Konen notes there is no need for an Executive Session.

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Pauling to adjourn at 7:55 pm, and **motion carried**.

Next Meeting set for July 11 at 6pm.

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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