

KANE\_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
Board Meeting Notes – October 10, 2024

Call to order - Chairman Konen called meeting to order at 6:02 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Directors present: Konen, Pauling, Piper, Soliz (zoom). Associate Directors present: Campbell. Staff present: Gerdts, Hunter, McPartlan (zoom), Purdom, Borzeka. NRCS staff present: Brennan. Absent: Bossenga, Carlson.

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

**Approval of Minutes: Motion** made by Pauling to accept the minutes from the September 12, 2024 meeting as amended and seconded by Soliz, and **motion carried**

**Public Comment:** Adam Pauley of Aurora in attendance to learn more about the District and how he can support, as well as spread awareness

**Correspondence:** Kane County Farm Bureau Foundation thank you letter for Gala donation. Geneva Wine, Cheese and Trees save-the-date for Feb 22.

**Time Sheets:** Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 9/13 and 9/27, and seconded by Piper; and **motion carried**.

**Staff Reports:**

**Administrative Coordinator** – (see attached)

**Resource Conservationist** – (see attached)

**Resource Analysts** – (see attached)

**Resource Specialist** - (see attached)

**District Conservationist** – planning visits with farmers proceeding, visited Dave Campbell today. Fiscal has ended, 2025 funding potentials look good. Minimal backlog

**Conservation Planner** (none)

**Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review:** Motion made by Piper to approve NRIs 24-086 thru 24-092, seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**. Notes: 1) Discussion of new Superfund Site page in report included confirming such data was within the KDSWCD purview, ensuring statements were clearly sourced from the IEPA to remove any District liability and agreeing that the information was not redundant. Piper to share a website for other potential items to add to the report. 2) Discussion of watershed HUC system clarified boundary standards as defined by the USGS.

**Board Action Items:**

- None

**Financial report and current bills:** Motion made by Pauling to accept the financial report and pay current bills, seconded by Piper, and **motion carried.**

**Committees:**

**Personnel:** *Bossenga* – Gerdts requested feedback from Directors on any Board Goals to be included in performance reviews for Purdom and Borzeka

**Urban:** *Piper* – researching opportunities in Aurora

**Agriculture:** *Pauling* – conditions are dry

**Legislative:** *Konen* – reports from the Illinois Lt. Governor indicate efforts to restore SWCD funding not likely to be heard until spring. Continue to collect petition signatures. Several candidates are in interviews for the Executive Director position.

**Grants:** *Gerdts* – Soliz reported that the Riverboat grant to fund automation software for NRI/SESC applications has been approved for \$3500. Gerdts to follow up and begin implementation.

**New Business:** AISWCD announcement of the 2025 4H Oak Tree Planting Program. Board and staff agree to participate and begin search for a suitable site.

**Old Business:**

- Ethics Documents – Tabled pending Policies overhaul. Gerdts suggests a sub-committee to review all old files. Konen suggests using AISWCD policies as template. Gerdts notes that Directors and Associate Directors received District information in their personal emails which can be FOIA and also are the personal property of the individual. Board instructs to have District emails created for each Director/Associate Director.

**Motion** made by Pauling and seconded by Piper to adjourn to at 7:50 pm, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,  
William Pauling  
Secretary/Treasurer

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