

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes – November 14, 2024

Call to order - Chairman Konen called meeting to order at 6:00 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Directors present: Bossenga, Konen, Pauling, Piper, Soliz. Associate Directors present: none. Staff present: Gerds, Hunter, McPartlan (zoom), Purdom, Borzeka. NRCS staff present: Brennan. Absent: Campbell, 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 Soliz to accept the minutes from the October 10, 2024 meeting and seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**

Public Comment: none in attendance

Correspondence: Kendall Co SWCD thank you for cover crop seed sales, Mike Kenyon celebration invite, U of I Conference sponsor call, People's Garden grant announcement, N Aurora Xmas tree sponsor call

Time Sheets: Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 10/11, 10/25 and 11/8, 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 – Seeking location, farm or dealership, to train staff on farm equipment. Directors offered some suggestions. NRCS is updating Conservation Practices and seeking feedback. NRCS applications open in December

Conservation Planner (none)

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve NRIs 24-086, 87 and 88 as revised per October meeting, and 24-091 thru 24-106, seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**.

Board Action Items:

- Election Documents: Petition for Holding a General Election and Notice of Election of Directors executed. Nominating Petitions distributed to Directors running (Pauling, Soliz). Nominating Petitions are due back between Dec 11 and Jan 20.
- St Charles MOU signed by St Charles and executed by KDSWCD today

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

Committees:

Personnel: *Bossenga* – none

Urban: *Piper* – none

Agriculture: *Pauling* – Farm Bureau meeting produced a resolution regarding agrivoltaics (Soliz shared some local resources). Also FB is developing definitions for sustainable/regenerative agriculture

Legislative: *Konen* – AISWCD reports more than 5100 petition signatures received. Presentation to Representatives well received, but confidence is low for any decision during veto session. Two strong candidates for Exec Dir, anticipate a hire announcement in December

Grants: *Gerds* – AISWCD providing a list of grants in process and available for participation.

New Business:

- Holiday gathering after Meeting on Dec 12 for Directors and full-time staff. Meeting will convene at 4:30 pm with dinner at 6 pm at Aquaviva in Batavia.
- Proposal to enter into MOU with N. Cook SWCD for them to conduct all OHare SESC inspections approved

Old Business:

- Policies Sub-Committee Proposal – Soliz presented research she had done which confirms the need for a sub-committee to review all policies and generate a current, complete policy manual. Gerds to research if a template for such a package exists. Gerds will send a Doodle Poll to set a meeting date to begin. Hunter to assess current paper and digital files to determine if they are the same.
- Digitizing 1940's Kane County Map – Gerds presented 2 options
 - McPartland scan and produce a hi-res PDF as well as a GIS enabled digital version
 - Minuteman Press laminate map - \$300 then Osio scan to PDF \$250Gerds to inquire at Kane County if there is any interest in acquiring this map before any further action will be taken.

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Piper to adjourn to at 8:20 pm, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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