

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes –December 12, 2024

Call to order - Chairman Konen called meeting to order at 4:30 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Directors present: Bossenga, Konen, Pauling, Soliz. Associate Directors present: Carlson. Staff present: Gerdts, Hunter, McPartlan (zoom), Purdom, Borzeka. NRCS staff present: Winters, Woltman. Absent: Piper, Campbell.

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

Approval of Minutes: **Motion** made by Soliz to accept the minutes from the November 14, 2024 meeting and seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**

Public Comment: none in attendance

Correspondence: Holiday card from Baxter & Woodman

Time Sheets: Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 11/22 and 12/6, and seconded by Pauling; and **motion carried**.

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – (see attached)

Resource Conservationist – (see attached)

Resource Analysts – (see attached)

Resource Specialist - (see attached)

District Conservationist – (see attached Woltman report)

Conservation Planner (none)

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve NRIs 24-103 thru 24-112, seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**.

Board Action Items:

- NRI Policy Language Revision = Motion made by Soliz to accept revised language, seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**. Note: NRI & SESC fees increase for 2025 to vote at January meeting

Financial report and current bills: Motion made by Pauling to accept the financial report and pay current bills, seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**. Discussion of logistics of moving Operations funds from the IPTIP account to checking account. Note: IUM grant invoices artificially inflates expenses until IEPA reimburses in approximately 6 weeks. Quickbooks Payroll subscription will increase in July 2025 from \$850 to \$1100 annually, plus direct deposit fee increases from \$4 to \$5

Committees:

Personnel: *Bossenga* – Envirothon registration closed. South is full, North has room for 4 additional if necessary

Urban: *Piper* – none

Agriculture: *Pauling* – Farm Bureau meeting discussions re pipelines and dust in the fields. No further information yet on the Countryside Insurance situation

Legislative: *Konen* – New AISWCD Executive Director Elliott Clay starts Jan 6. Focus: funding reinstatement. Executive Committee is meeting next week to discuss alternative funding opportunities.

Grants: *Gerdts* – IUM grant payment from IEPA as noted above.

New Business:

- Printer expiring. Xerox provided two replacement options. Suggested that Gerdts request quote from Gordon Flesch (Geneva) 630-262-8300
- N Cook SWCD MOU – meeting on Dec 16 to further flesh out the agreement and discuss OHare requirements. Final document will be presented in January for vote
- Tax Levy – Board directs Gerdts to ask Josh/Peoria SWCD to zoom in to January meeting. Discussed possibility of requesting insights from The Conservation Foundation
- Natural Area Guardian – team will continue to research opportunities
- Strategic Plan – SubCommittee will be scheduled for January. Gerdts/McPartlan to contact Lucas King as moderator

Old Business:

- Policies Sub-Committee met and developed a strategy and made task assignments. Next Meeting January 10
- Digitizing 1940's Kane County Map – Kane County Historical scheduled to visit the map on Dec 17 to determine if the County has any interest
- St Charles MOU – decision to remove NRCS from the document and re-execute

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Pauling to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:45 pm, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Pauling to return to regular meeting and approve the Executive Session items at 6:05 pm, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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