

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes – May 8, 2025

Call to order - Chairman Konen called meeting to order at 6:04 pm, at 2315 Dean Street, Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Directors present: Konen, Bossenga, Piper, Soliz. Absent: Pauling. Associate Directors present: Campbell. Staff present: Borzeka, Gerdts, Hunter, McPartlan (zoom), Purdom. NRCS present: Brennan

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 April 10, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**

Public Comment: none

Correspondence:

- Thank you note from Brownie Troop for watershed presentation
- AISWCD registration for Summer Conference
- AISWCD request for Directors to send out Sign-On Letter for SB2387
- NACD membership drive

Time Sheets: Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 4/11 and 4/25, 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 – (see attached) Note: Amendment 1619 to NRCS/SWCD MOU signed by staff and Directors

Conservation Planner (none)

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve NRIs 25-029 thru 25-036 (25-021 cancelled), seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**. Hunter to provide additional details on 25-032 permitting agency to Pauling – County or Carol Stream?

Board Action Items:

- Gerdts directed to continue consolidation of bank accounts to Byline Bank: as per April Motion
- Strategic Plan presentation and information gathering by Chris Foster – proposal to follow

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

Committees:

Personnel: *Bossenga* – none

Urban: *Piper* – none

Agriculture: *Pauling* – absent

Legislative: *Konen* – SB2387 gaining good support. Gerdts to send sign-on letter on KDSWCD letterhead to all Directors to action. Propose Mary Ochsenschlager for Friend of Conservation nomination.

Grants: *Gerdts* – IUM grant work proceeding. Awaiting next grant cycle to open to apply for IEPA 604Bs. KDSWCD will NOT administer a Kane County Climate Action NICOR grant for new homeowner tree program, they require administrator be a 501c3 (501a not accepted)

New Business:

- Cover Crop Field Day Raffle: Gerdts proposes KDSWCD pay for the drone fly-on portion of a raffle prize to include donated seed. Motion made by Soliz to fund up to \$1500 for a drone seeding raffle, seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**.
- District Cost Share Program proposal reviewed by Gerdts in preparation for a potential future vote to implement if aligned with strategic plan
- Soil Plan presentation by McPartlan outlining proposed KDSWCD soil health assessment program in response to Kane County Farmland Protection and Kane County Forest Preserve requests for such a service.

Old Business:

- Strategic Plan Sub-Committee implementation: pending strategic plan

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session made by Soliz and seconded by Piper at 8:54 pm, and **motion carried**.

Motion to exit Executive Session and approve items discussed made by Soliz and seconded by Piper at 9:12 pm, and **motion carried**.

Motion to adjourn made by Soliz and seconded by Piper at 9:13 pm, and **motion carried**.

Respectfully submitted,
William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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