

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes – August 14, 2025

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. Absent: none. Associate Directors present: Campbell. Staff present: Borzeka, Gerdts, Hunter, 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 July 10, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Bossega, and **motion carried**

Public Comment: none

Correspondence:

- AISWCD letter

Time Sheets: Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 7/18 and 8/1, 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)

Conservation Planner (none)

Natural Resource Inventory (NRI) Review: Motion made by Pauling to approve NRIs 25-053 thru 25-059, seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**.

Board Action Items:

- KDSWCD IDOT signs map approved with adjustment of moving Rt 59 sign to the Ogden intersection, Rt 38 and Rt 64 to Kirk Rd intersections. Konen announced that his family foundation will pay for up to 10 signs on behalf of the District. Gerdts will forward list of signs as discussed to AISWCD in time for the Sept. 1 deadline.
- KDSWCD tech network & security update still in progress per Gerdts, will report in Sept.

Financial report and current bills: Motion made by Soliz to accept the financial report and pay current bills, seconded by Piper, and **motion carried**. Gerdts to investigate insurance coverage for restricted funds bank accounts (ie Kane County Farmer Weatherizing program)

Committees:

Personnel: *Bossenga* – North Central College proposed presentation cancelled

Urban: *Piper* – Sugar Grove is seeking assistance with ragweed infestation near Mallard Point. Suggestion they reach out to The Conservation Foundation

Agriculture: *Pauling* – Still dry

Legislative: *Konen* – nothing to report as legislators are not in session.

Grants: *Gerdts* Jelkes Watershed update grant application still not confirmed by IEPA. New round of 604b grant applications open and KDSWCD is applying on behalf of Fox River Study Group for microbial testing. KDSWCD will be administering the Kane County Farmer Weatherization Grant funds, IGA to follow.

New Business:

- NRI/LESA parameters – Purdom described potential need for new parameters and application section to account for LESA values not being entirely reflective of the actual details for NRIs with small areas of disturbance within a larger parcel. Will provide further details in the future
- Fishers & Farmers Conference attendance by Hunter **Motion** to approve made by Soliz and seconded by Pauling and **motion carried.**
- *Gerdts* reports that Senator Ventura cannot attend a Board Meeting until November, Board directed to confirm invitation for then. *Gerdts* also reports that Representative Hernandez, as well as staff from Senator Castro, Senator Ellman and Representative Kifowit attended the Cover Crop Drone Seeding Demo Field Day.
- *Gerdts* suggests that Directors each report in September with one suggested Associate Director candidate to recruit for KDSWCD.
- *Gerdts* describes SESC 25e030 deposit refund which was requested to be paid to a private party not on the original application, an employee of the company that originally paid the fees. Board directed *Gerdts* to approach the accounting department of the company directly for clarification.

Old Business: District Coast Share Program presentation deferred to September

Strategic Planning Part 1: Visioning session

Motion to adjourn made by Soliz and seconded by Piper at 8:15, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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