

KANE_DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
Board Meeting Notes – September 18, 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, Soliz. Absent: Piper. Associate Directors present: Carlson. Staff present: Borzeka, Gerdt, Hunter, McPartlan, Purdom. NRCS present: none

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 August 14, 2025 regular meeting, seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**

Public Comment: Adam Pauley present

Correspondence:

- Farm to Feast event invitation
- Confirmation the Konen Family Foundation donated \$1,000 to cover the expense of the IDOT road signs

Time Sheets: Motion made by Soliz to accept the timesheets PPE 8/15, 8/29 and 9/12, and seconded by Bossenga; 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 Soliz to approve NRIs 25-060 thru 25-079, seconded by Pauling, and **motion carried**.

Board Action Items:

- Memorandum of Understanding between KDSWCD and Kendall Co SWCD executed
- Drone purchase: Motion made by Soliz to approve purchase a drone not to exceed \$10,000, seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**.
- Bank Balance: Pauling instructed Gerdt to reduce checking account balance to \$20,000 and research tools to auto-manage account balance (daily balance report?) then report in September
- Election: Board agrees to February 10, 2026 for voting
- IT upgrade: Motion made by Soliz to approve purchase of equipment outlined in Carlson proposal and contract with Angelo Romanzi for installation as per quote, seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried**. To schedule for October

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

Committees:

Personnel: *Bossenga* – Promoting Envirothon to schools

Urban: *Piper* – none

Agriculture: *Pauling* – Photo of giant puffball mushroom. Conditions are very dry. Combining has begun. DuPage Co Farm Bureau appreciation dinner a success

Legislative: *Konen* – AISWCD will re-introduce SB2387 during veto session

Grants: *Gerds* Jelkes Watershed update grant application still not confirmed by IEPA. KDSWCD is working with CMAP to complete the 604b application on behalf of Fox River Study Group for microbial testing – KDSWCD will administer the grant. KDSWCD will also be administering the Kane County Farmer Weatherization Grant funds, IGA to follow at October meeting. IDOA cost share funds for FY25 have been received \$10,330.37.

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- District Coast Share Program draft emailed for review
- Awaiting confirmation that Senator Ventura will attend November meeting
- Continue recruitment for Associate Directors

Motion to adjourn to Committee of the Whole made by Soliz and seconded by Bossenga at 6:35, and **motion carried.**

Strategic Planning Part 2: Strengths session

Motion to return to regular session made by Soliz and seconded by Bossenga, and **motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn made by Soliz and seconded by Bossenga at 8:05, and **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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