

KANE-DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2021

Call to order –Chairman Fabrizio called the meeting to order at 7:20 a.m. in the board room of Suite 100 at 2315 Dean Street, in St. Charles. Board members present were: Soliz, Konen, and Quinn. Staff members present were: Rebecca Briggs, Rand Briggs, Felicia Speranske, Hagen-Moeller, McPartlan, Shroder and Monreal. Treasurer Pauling was absent.

Chairman Fabrizio asked everyone to introduce themselves to Felicia Speranske since she is the new Soil Conservationist.

Approval of Agenda – Motion made by Konen to approve the agenda and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Konen to edit minutes from last month after finding typos in it, (removal of Soliz from minutes, removal of executive session and changing the adjournment to 9:30 a.m.) and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

Time Sheets: Motion to approve was made Konen by and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

LUO Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve LUOs **21-081 to 21-086** seconded by Konen; and **motion carried.**

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: none

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – Hagen-Moeller discussed the new Envirothon Coordinator.

Resource Conservationist – McPartlan answered questions about the truck stop going in on Rt. 47 in Campton Hills. He volunteered to speak with Keith Berkhout, of Kane County Zoning, about it and other projects in Kane County. He also discussed a meeting he had with the City of Elgin Water Department to protect the source of the city’s water. The representatives would like to present at an upcoming board meeting. He mentioned that the STAR coordinator had changed and gave background on the data the program is collecting and limitations of making that data publicly available. He also mentioned that Fermi Lab would be sending us an SESC soon that was a massive, multi-year project, expected for spring of 2022. He provided an update on KDSWCD’s potential next phase of O’Hare, as requested in August.

Resource Analyst – Monreal told us she managed to get to every site in Aurora prior to the team meeting with Aurora personnel this month.

Resource Assistant – (see attached).

Office Assistant – (see attached).

District Conservationist – Rebecca Briggs began with telling us Rand Briggs’ new title: Natural Resource Specialist for Region 1 and 3 which is half of Illinois. He will help with training the new personnel here in the St Charles office. She thought that by the end of February or early March everyone in the state should be back to normal, as in back in the office, not working remotely anymore. EQIP and CSP deadlines are coming soon. She also warned that after this Monday, November 15, she would be out of the office on sick leave for one month.

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Natural Resource Specialist – Rand Briggs mentioned that he is the representative to the Chicago Wilderness executive committee. Soliz mentioned that she would appreciate it if he was part of another committee as well, since she felt they didn't have anyone with an agriculture background on the committee. The conversation came around to signage on some properties that drew attention to NRCS cover crops or other conservation practices. Rand felt that the district should consider their own signage independent of NRCS. The board asked staff to put it on the agenda for next month.

Board Action Items:

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to table the FY21 Financial Report because it isn't finished, and **motion carried**.

Financial report and current bills – Hagen-Moeller discussed changes from the usual bills and mentioned that the allocation from the state is still not in our account. She informed the board of the ETA of our new office furniture for which we have paid half. **Motion** made by Soliz to accept financial report and pay current bills seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried**.

Personnel Committee: Hagen-Moeller gave the board a heads-up regarding Land Use Council which may be discussing AISWCD employees to have some expanded health insurance coverage for families.

Agriculture Committee: none.

Legislative Committee: none.

Urban Manual: McPartlan talked about the finished grant they wrote for this and how feedback said it looked good for them.

Outreach/Marketing Committee: none.

Grants: none.

Old Business: none.

New Business: none.

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to go into executive session; and **motion carried**.

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to exit executive session; and **motion carried**.

Motion made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn approve what was decided in executive session; and **motion carried**.

Motion made at 9:16 a.m. by Soliz and seconded by Quinn to adjourn; and **motion carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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