

KANE-DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes – July 9, 2020

Call to order –Chairman Fabrizio called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. a Zoom meeting. Board members present were: Soliz, Konen, Quinn and Pauling. Staff members present were: Hagen-Moeller, McPartlan, West, Shroder and Rankin. Rospopo was absent.

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

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve was made Konen by 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 **20-033 to 20-041** seconded by Konen; and **motion carried.**

Public Comment: none

Correspondence: Shroder reported a phone call from a happy customer of the plant sale who wanted to make sure everyone knew how happy she was and that she wanted to make sure she thanked the entire staff.

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – (see attached.) The Regenerative Ag Seminar is moving online which is proving to be challenging. The Fiscal Review is coming up and Hagen-Moeller will contact Patty Foster but is not sure if she can come in the office yet. She may have to deliver the files.

Resource Conservationist – (see attached). McPartlan talked about the 604B grant that we were hoping to get for the Urban Manual, which we didn't get, and why. There are other grants and strategies for getting them. He has been largely focused on getting the agreements with municipalities.

Resource Analyst – (see attached.) West added that she is helping out with social media and would appreciate it if board members would send her bios and pictures. She would be happy to help anyone write their bios.

Resource Assistant – (see attached.).

Office Assistant – (see attached).

District Conservationist– none

Board Action Items:

Motion made by Pauling and seconded by Quinn to approve the cost share project called Flag Creek at Breton Lakes Subdivision, which is a streambank stabilization for \$10,000 and **motion carried.**

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Financial report and current bills – Discussion followed, and Hagen-Moeller mentioned that one of the CDs had come due. Pauling moved it to Sterling Bank. The Fiscal Review will include a significant amount of depreciation. **Motion** made by Soliz to accept financial report and pay current bills seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried**.

Old Business: Motion made to approve \$600 payment to Becky Hoag for an overhaul of our website was made by Quinn, and seconded by Konen: **motion carried**.

New Business: Soliz began discussion of how to get more land owners to use conservation practices on land they rent to farmers. Regenerative Agriculture Conference could be part of the answer. Rospopo is needed to answer some questions the board had about specific NRCS programs. Soliz discussed an idea to use stimulus money from Kane County for economically struggling municipalities to do conservation projects. Kane County would hold and distribute the money while we would select the projects. This was enthusiastically approved of, and a letter to the county chairman will be drafted.

Motion made at 8:35 p.m. by Soliz and seconded by Pauling to adjourn; **motion carried**.

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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