

KANE-DUPAGE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2020

Call to order – Vice President Konen called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room at 2315 Dean St., Suite 100, St. Charles, IL. Board members present were: Pauling, Quinn, and Soliz. Staff members present were: Hagen-Moeller, McPartlan, West, Shroder, Rospopo and Bramstedt. Rankin was not present due to the election. Guests: Jennifer O’Connell. President Fabrizio came in at 5 p.m.

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

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve was made by Soliz and seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried.**

Time Sheets: Motion made by Pauling to approve the time sheets, and seconded by Soliz; and **motion carried.**

LUO Review: Motion made by Soliz to approve LUOs **19-110 and 20-001 to 20-011** seconded by Pauling; and **motion carried.**

Public Comment: Introductions were made for guest Jennifer O’Connell.

Correspondence: The Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts sent a paper copy of its annual report.

Update on A5 branding: Hagen-Moeller gave the board an update on the branding by A5. We still have not received the files for the logo we agreed on. They have said they will get business cards and other stuff printed. The board would like to talk about upgrading the website at the March meeting.

LUO Policy and Criteria review: Bramstedt suggested a few typos be fixed, and went over the changes to the policy and criteria that should be implemented. He suggested that the criteria start with writing opinions for parcels over one acre at first but to move to five acres eventually since the maps we have are not very accurate under five acres and no other SWCD does any opinions on parcels under five acres. Quinn asked why shouldn’t we just change it now? The board discussed the impact it would have on the people who read the reports and agreed that opinions should only be issued for parcels over five acres.

Staff Reports:

Administrative Coordinator – (see attached.) The Regenerative Ag Seminar is coming along nicely, we have a keynote speaker and the date is set for August 13, at the Dekalb Farm Bureau building. The One Earth Film Festival is coming up on March 9, and is free. Board members were encouraged to attend. The movie is about agriculture and how it can help the environment. Director Soliz gave kudos to Hagen-Moeller for her work so far on the Regenerative Ag Seminar.

Resource Conservationist – (see attached). McPartlan talked about the SESC Seminar that is coming up on March 9th. His Conservation Planner apprenticeship is complete. Soliz gave McPartlan kudos for a presentation he gave at Morton Arboretum.

Resource Analyst – (see attached.) West is applying for her CPESC. She also took over our Facebook and Instagram pages, to good effect.

Resource Assistant – (see attached.)

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Office Assistant – (see attached).

District Conservatoinist– Rospopo went over the new Cooperative Agreement and there are few things that are very different. If you have a felony conviction, you will not be allowed on NRCS/USDA premises. He suggested that the board sign the agreement.

Board Action Items:

Motion made by Pauling and seconded by Soliz to approve signing the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement between KDSWCD and NRCS for the period from 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2025, and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Pauling and seconded by Konen to amend the new LUO Criteria and Policy to say that a report with an opinion will be written on parcels over 5 acres; and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Pauling and seconded by Konen to approve the new LUO Criteria and Policy as amended; and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Pauling and seconded by Quinn to approve SSRP cost share \$4500 for FY 2018 and \$18,000 for FY 2019 for the project in Algonquin called Souwanas Creek; and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Konen and seconded by Soliz to approve McPartlan to attend the 2020 Wisconsin Watershed Conference in Appleton, WI, not to exceed \$300; and **motion carried.**

Motion made by Quinn and seconded by Konen to approve the contribution to the Northeastern Illinois Envirothon of \$500; and **motion carried.**

Financial report and current bills – Motion made by Soliz to accept financial report and pay current bills seconded by Quinn; and **motion carried.**

Committee Reports:

Agriculture – Pauling knows of farms with beans and corn still in the field.

Urban Manual – McPartlan mentioned details of the IUM 2021 604b grant application.

Old Business: Fabrizio would like to work out a way to have an SESC tour for board members. Ms. O’Connell was invited to come. The date was set for May 14th at 3 p.m. and will be a tour of existing SESC projects displaying best management practices.

New Business: none.

Motion made at 6:33 p.m. by Soliz and seconded by Konen to adjourn to the Annual Review Meeting; **motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

William Pauling
Secretary/Treasurer

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