

DEKALB COUNTY SWCD
Minutes from February 22, 2022 Board Meeting

Supervisors:

Sarah Delbecq, Chair
Jeff Conrad, Vice Chair via teleconference
Steve Provines, Supervisor
Steve Watson, Supervisor
Judy Strock, Supervisor

SWCD:

Nellie Peffley
Julie Knudson
Bill Ward
Cameron Bell

Absent:

Kate Sanders, ISDA
Justin Hoover, Associate Supervisor
Cody Burniston, Associate Supervisor

NRCS:

Derek Thompson

Chair Sarah Delbecq called the February 22, 2022 board meeting to order at 7:01p.m

DISTRICT BUSINESS

- **Minutes:** Chair Sarah Delbecq asked if there were any additions or corrections to the January 2022 minutes that had been provided to the board members. Jeff Conrad moved to approve the January 20, 2022 minutes as written. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Financial Report:** Sarah Delbecq asked for approval of claims 8581-8595 and deposits D700-D701. The board reviewed all claims and deposits. No corrections were made. Jeff Conrad moved to approve claims 8581 through 8595 and deposits D700-D701 as presented. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Cedar Creek Collaboration:** Nellie informed the board the final report is in the “board portal” on the District website if they would like to review it. She has been invited to a Friends of the Cedar Creek meeting on March 10th and plans on attending. Will keep the board updated.

NEW BUSINESS

- **DCSP:** Nellie presented two applications needing approval for payment. The first from T. Schiffli for a pollinator plot at \$72.56. The second from Jack Conrad for a grass planting at \$236.81. The board reviewed both applications and files. Jeff Conrad moved to approve payments of \$72.56 to T. Schiffli and \$236.82 to J. Conrad from District Cost Share funds. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **DCSP Recap:** Nellie proposed having a cut-off date for accepting applications needing approval for participation or payment at monthly board meetings. She suggested using the 2nd Thursday of each month as the cut-off date. Nellie explained that would give her ample time to include any requests on the agenda and in board update. The board discussed Nellie’s proposal and agreed to implement the 2nd Thursday of each month as the cut-off date for presenting applications or payment requests at the monthly board meeting. Nellie also had a sample letter written by Associate Supervisor Justin Hoover requesting donations for the District Cost Share Program to be sent to local businesses. She had copies for the board to review and asked for any comments or suggestions. The board reviewed, discussed and made a few suggestions. Nellie will update the letter and email to the board for further review.

- **Finance:**

- **2022 Budget:** Nellie had draft copies of the 2022 budget for the board to review and approve. The board discussed the budget especially the District Cost Share Program. After much discussion Judy Strock moved to approve the 2022 budget as presented. Steve Watson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **2021 Annual Financial Report:** Nellie asked the board for approval of the 2021 Annual Financial Report that was presented at the business retreat. Judy Strock moved to approve the 2021 Annual Financial Report as presented. Jeff Conrad seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Julie Knudson will submit the report to Gateway by the deadline of February 28, 2022.
- **Doc Coleman Landing:** Nellie reported there need to be one more season of soy bean planting before the pollinator plot can be planted. Nellie is looking into a NIPSCO grant to help pay for the pollinator seed and asked the board for permission to apply. The board discussed the request and approved Nellie applying for the NIPSCO grant.
- **Annual Meeting:** Nellie reminded the board the date of the annual meeting is March 15th. It will be held at the Country Heritage Winery with doors opening at 4:30pm and meeting starting at 5:00pm. She reported her, Julie and Bill toured the building and was very happy with the venue.

OTHER UPDATES:

- **NRCS update: Derek Thompson, District Conservationist:**
 - Derek reported they are in the middle of an EQIP sign up. He had received around 55 applications and approximately 25 are pre-approved.
- **ISDA update: Kate Sanders, Resource Specialist:** absent

OTHER ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

- No other business was presented.

NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday March 15, 2022 immediately following annual meeting @ Country Heritage Winery

Steve Watson moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Chairman: Sarah Delbecq _____

Judy Strock _____

Jeff Conrad _____

Steve Provines _____

Steve Watson _____

Recorder _____

Date: _____