

**DEKALB COUNTY SWCD**  
**Minutes from July 15, 2021 Board Meeting**

**Supervisors:**

Sarah Delbecq, Chair  
Steve Watson, Supervisor  
Steve Provines

**SWCD:**

Julie Knudson  
Bill Ward

**Absent:**

Nellie Peffley, SWCD      Jeff Conrad, Supervisor  
Derek Thompson, NRCS      Cameron Bell, SWCD  
Kate Sanders, ISDA      Judy Strock, Supervisor

**Chair Sarah Delbecq called the July 15, 2021 board meeting to order at 7:02p.m**

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- **Minutes:** Chair Sarah Delbecq asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 2021 minutes that had been provided to the board members. No additions or corrections were made. Steve Provines moved to approve the June 17, 2021 minutes as written. Steve Watson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Financial Report:** Sarah Delbecq asked for approval of claims 8494-8511 and deposits D685-D687. The board reviewed all claims and deposits. No corrections were made. Steve Watson moved to approve claims 8494 through 8511 and deposits 685-687 as presented. Steve Provines seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **Agronomy Field Day:** Julie reminded the board the Agronomy Field Day is scheduled for July 28. RSVPs are requested.
- **Part Time Position:** Julie informed the board Nellie was notified that the County Commissioners approved the full time position request. The Job Classification Sub Committee still needs to approve the request before going to the Council. The sub-committee will meet on July 26 to discuss the reclassification.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **District Cost Share Program (DCSP):**  
\*Julie had two new applications requesting approval for participation.

- J & B Farms for a pollinator plot
- J & D Burns for septic replacement

The board reviewed the applications and paperwork from both. Steve Provines moved to approve participation for J & B Farms and J & D Burns in the District Cost Share Program. Steve Watson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

\*Four requests for payment were received from:

- N. Miller for \$2500: septic replacement
- R. Cook for \$2500: septic replacement
- B. Ice for \$600: Invasive tree removal/planting
- K. Landis for \$300: invasive tree removal

The board reviewed all four files. Steve Watson moved to approve payment of \$2500 to N. Miller; \$2500 to R. Cook; \$600 to B. Ice and \$300 to K. Landis from District Cost Share funds. Steve Provines seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

- A six month extension request was received from C. Youqulet. The board reviewed the file. Steve Provines moved to approve a six month extension to C. Youqulet's application/contract. Steve Watson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed

- **Urban Soil Health Program:** Julie reported a meeting between District staff and the state and local Soil Health Specialists was held virtually. The staff wanted more information on what the program entails. Bill reported after the meeting the staff has a better understanding of the program.
- **CWI Grant:** Julie explained to the board Nellie Peffley, Bill Ward and Cameron Bell would like to use a CWI Grant to help fund pollinator plots in a large solar farm that is going to be installed in the county. The pollinators would be planted in and around the panels. Funding for planting a pollinator plot at the Doc Coleman landing and providing small pollinator seed packets to the community would be included in the grant request. Nellie who was not able to attend the board meeting asked Julie and Bill to explain these concepts to the board and ask if they were in favor of or if they had any other ideas for the grant. After discussion the board gave their OK to continue with the ideas Nellie and the staff have for the CWI grant. Julie will inform Nellie so she can have a draft copy of the application ready for approval at the August board meeting.
- **Finance:** Nellie brought the following for the board's review and/or approval:
  - **CISMA Conference:** Julie asked the board for approval to allow all 4 staff members attend the CISMA Conference August 4 - 7. The sessions will be virtual. There are also field days available. The field day closest to our area will be at Merry Lea Environmental Center. The registration cost is \$25/person. The board discussed the request. Steve Watson moved to allow all four staff members attend the CISMA conference August 4-7 and pay the registration fee of \$25/person. Steve Provines seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed

#### OTHER UPDATES:

- **NRCS update: Derek Thompson, District Conservationist:** Absent
- **ISDA update: Kate Sanders, Resource Specialist:** Absent
  - Julie reported ISDA is holding a series of virtual trainings called VirTuesdays. She had a copy of the flyer with dates and topics. The first training is July 20 on District Insurance and Liability. The sessions will be recorded.

#### OTHER ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA

- Bill Ward informed the board he took the new mower to the Hague Area and found it works great
- Julie informed the board the State Board of Accounts is performing an audit at this time. She will keep them updated.

#### NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday August 19 @ 7:00pm

No other business was presented. Steve Provines moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Watson seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Chairman: Sarah Delbecq \_\_\_\_\_

Judy Strock \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff Conrad \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Provines \_\_\_\_\_

Steve Watson \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_