

**DEKALB COUNTY SWCD**  
**Minutes from July 21, 2022 Board Meeting**

**Supervisors:**

Sarah Delbecq, Chair  
Jeff Conrad, Vice Chair  
Steve Provines, Supervisor  
Judy Strock, Supervisor  
Steve Watson, Supervisor  
Justin Hoover, Associate Supervisor  
Cody Burniston, Associate Supervisor

**SWCD:**

Nellie Peffley, District Director  
Julie Knudson, District Coordinator  
Cameron Bell, Regional Technician  
Bill Ward, Conservation Technician

**NRCS:**

Derek Thompson, DC

**Absent:**

Kate Sanders, RS

Chair Sarah Delbecq called the July 21, 2022 board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**DISTRICT BUSINESS**

- **Minutes:** Chair Sarah Delbecq asked if there were any additions or corrections to the June 2022 minutes that had been provided to the board members. Jeff Conrad moved to approve the June 14, 2022 minutes as written. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Financial Report:** Sarah Delbecq asked for approval of claims 8635-8651 and deposits D725-D728. The board reviewed all claims and deposits. No corrections were made. Jeff Conrad moved to approve claims 8626 through 8634 and deposits D716-D724 as presented. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- **CWI Grant:** Nellie informed the board the staff did meet with Steuben and LaGrange SWCDs and are on board with the recycling grant. She also spoke with the former Executive Director of the Solid Waste Management District who is helping with hiring a new director. He gave Nellie some ideas on how to administer the events and expected costs. She had a breakdown of the amounts to be requested for the grant and also in-kind/cash match. The cash match would have each county commit to \$500/year for a total of \$1500 over the 3 year grant. She asked the board to approve DeKalb SWCD contribute \$1500 towards the grant cash match. After much discussion Jeff Conrad moved to approve committing \$1500 to the recycling CWI grant. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Community Foundation Grant:** Nellie reported the grant application has been submitted and waiting to hear back.
- **Urban Soil Health Program:** Nellie asked the board after last month's meeting and presentation if anyone had any ideas on how to utilize their services. The board and staff discussed some groups and individuals to contact as well as sending out a survey via email.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- **2023 Budget:** Nellie had a copy of the 2023 budget and asked for approval of a 5% increase in operating expenses and salaries. After some discussion Jeff Conrad moved to approve the 2023 budget as presented. Judy Strock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Nellie informed the board the in-person budget hearing is scheduled for 2:20pm on August 16.
- **Plat Books:** Nellie reported the cost for the 2022 plat books will be \$3232.95 and asked for approval to make payment. She reminded the board that some of the cost will be reimbursed by the Extension office as well as Auburn Title Company. Jeff Conrad moved to approve payment of \$3232.95 for plat books. Steve Provines seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

- **IASWCD Dues:** Nellie also had an invoice from IASWCD for \$2000 for the 2022 dues and asked approval for payment. Jeff Conrad moved to approve payment of \$2000 to IASWCD for the 2022 dues. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. She pointed out that both the plat books and dues were included in the 2022 budget that the board approved back in January.
- **Agronomy Field Day:** Nellie reported that the Agronomy Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday January 27. She reported CCSI has committed to providing \$1000 and Steuben SWCD \$500 towards the event. The invoice from Taylor will be covered except approximately \$470. Nellie asked the board for approval to pay the amount not covered by CCSI and Steuben SWCD. Jeff Conrad moved to pay the amount due to Taylor Rental not covered by CCSI and Steuben SWCD. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **DCSP:**
  - Nellie reported two applications were received for participation from C. Jack for a pollinator plot and windbreak and from C. Arnett for septic replacement. The board reviewed the applications. Jeff Conrad moved to approve C. Jack and C. Arnett's applications for participation in the District Cost Share Program. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Composting Workshop:** Nellie requested approval to purchase a compost bin for approximately \$150 to give away at the workshop. The board discussed the request and suggested to first see if a local company would donate one. If not the board approved purchasing a bin.

#### OTHER UPDATES:

- **NRCS update: Derek Thompson, District Conservationist:**
  - Derek reported that the board had previously approved Julie Knudson sign CRP plans on behalf of the board. He asked they also approve Nellie Peffley sign plans on behalf of the board in case Julie is not available. Jeff Conrad moved to approve Nellie Peffley sign CRP plans on behalf of the DeKalb SWCD board. Judy Strock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
  - Derek requested the EQIP ranking meeting be scheduled before the September board meeting. The board agreed to meet before the meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday September 13.
- **ISDA update: Kate Sanders, Resource Specialist:** absent

#### NEXT MEETING:

- Thursday August 18, 2022 @7:00pm

Jeff Conrad moved to adjourn the meeting. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

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

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

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

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

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

Recorder \_\_\_\_\_

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