

DEKALB COUNTY SWCD
Minutes from March 14, 2023 Board Meeting

Supervisors:

Sarah Delbecq, Chair
Judy Strock, Vice Chair
Steve Provines
Justin Hoover
Bruce Bell II, Associate Supervisor

Absent:

Jeff Conrad, Supervisor
Cody Burniston, Associate Supervisor

SWCD:

Nellie Peffley, District Director
Julie Knudson, District Coordinator
Cameron Straw, Resource Technician
Bill Ward, Conservation Technician

ISDA: Kate Sanders, RS

NRCS: Derek Thompson, DC

Chair Sarah Delbecq called the March 14, 2023 board meeting to order at 5:06p.m.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

- **Minutes:** Sarah Delbecq asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February 2023 minutes that had been provided to the board members. No additions or corrections were made. Steve Provines moved to approve the February 16, 2023 minutes as written. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Financial Report:** Sarah Delbecq asked for approval of February claims 8732-8741 and deposits D756-D764. The board reviewed all claims and deposits. No corrections were made. Judy Strock moved to approve claims 8732 through 8741 and deposits D756-D764 as presented. Steve Provines seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Annual Meeting:** Nellie reported the meeting went well. There were a lot of good comments on the venue, food and speaker.
- **NACD Dues:** Nellie reported she met with a representative from NACD who explained what they do to support districts. The board discussed the various levels depending on amount of dues paid. The board decided to go with the bronze level this year. Justin Hoover moved to pay \$150 to NACD for 2023 dues. Judy Strock seconded the motion. Vote was 2 yay and 1 nay. Motion passed.
- **Well Capping:** Steve Provines reported he has tried to contact Kaufman Well Drilling to get a quote on the cost for capping an abandoned well. He has not hear back from them yet. He will try to contact them again and report back. Nellie reported she has met with Toby Days regarding holding a field day in the county. Toby would like to have a demonstration field day where an abandoned well is capped. He is still working out details, cost and funding for the field day.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Election of Officers:** Sarah Delbecq asked the board if there were any nominations for chairman. Steve Provines nominated Sarah Delbecq as chair. No other nominations were made. Justin Hoover moved to close nominations for Chair. Judy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Sarah Delbecq will serve as Board of Supervisors Chairperson for 2023.
Ms. Delbecq then asked for any nominations for Vice Chair. Steve Provines nominated Judy Strock as Vice Chair. No other nominations were made. Steve Provines moved to close nominations. Justin Hoover seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Judy will serve as the Vice Chair of Board of Supervisors for 2023.
Ms. Delbecq asked for nominations for Fiscal Officer. Judy Strock nominated Julie Knudson as Fiscal Officer. No other nominations were made. Justin Hoover moved to close nominations. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Julie Knudson will serve as District Fiscal Officer for 2023.

Nellie asked the board regarding appointing Bruce Bell II as an Associate Supervisor. Steve Provines moved to appoint Bruce Bell II as a District Associate Supervisor. Judy Strock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

- **Bank Depository:** Nellie asked the board to approve the district's depository. The district has used Hicksville Bank for many years and are very happy with their service. Justin Hoover moved to approve Hicksville Bank as the DeKalb County SWCD depository for 2023. Judy Strock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Policy Review:** Nellie had sent to the board copies of the district policies for their review. She noted that there has not been any changes in content added, only the format; most notably adding the new logo. Justin Hoover moved to approve the district policies as presented for 2023. Steve Provines seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Board Meeting Time:** Nellie brought up the time for the board meeting. She suggested either having the board meetings at an earlier time in the evening such as 5:00pm or even in the morning like 8:00am. It was also suggested moving the day to the 3rd Tuesday of each month instead of Thursday. The board discussed the issue. It was finally decided to hold the April board meeting on Tuesday the 18th at 8:00am on a trial basis.
- **Business Plan:** Nellie had copies of the 3 year district business plan. The plan expires in 2023. She asked the board for any comments, changes, or edits to the current plan. There was much discussion on the business plan format and content as well as renewing. Justin Hoover moved to approve and accept the current business plan as presented for the next 3 years. Judy Strock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.
- **Open Discussion-Programs/Workshops/Events/Grant, etc.:** Nellie had an activity for the board to participate in. She had 7 large flip chart papers with topics. The topics included DCSP, Equipment, Property, Workshops/Field Days, Grants, Sales/Services and Youth Education. Nellie gave each board member, staff and partners 3 colored dots. She asked everyone to put one of the dots on the 3 topics they feel the district should focus on. Afterwards the 3 topics that received the most "dots" were: Workshops/Field Days, Youth Education and Grants. The board, staff and partners then proceeded to have discussions on each. A lot of good ideas and comments were made. Nellie reported she will bring the other topics up at later board meetings for further discussions.

NRCS Update: Derek Thompson, DC

- Derek reported EQIP sign-up has gone well as 44 EQIP applications have been funded.

ISDA Update: Kate Sanders, RS

- Kate reported Don Lamb has been named as new ISDA Director.

NEXT MEETING: **Note date & time change**

- Tuesday April 18, 2023 @ 8:00am

Judy Stock moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Hoover seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.

Chairman: Sarah Delbecq _____

Judy Strock _____

Jeff Conrad _____

Steve Provines _____

Justin Hoover _____

Recorder _____

Date: _____