

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes November 13, 2017

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday, November 13, 2017. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:40 am. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Larry Kirchner and Alan Wissmiller, Resource Conservationist Emilie Janes and Soil Conservationist Tatiana Gil. Absent were Directors Tim McCorkle and Dave Peters, Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and Associate Director John Settle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Website Development Payment and Educational Outreach with Farm Bureau. Motion passed three to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes of August 14, 2017 Board Meeting: O'Connor made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the minutes as printed. Motion passed three to zero.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Approval of Time and Travel: Kirchner made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the time and travel reports. Motion passed three to zero.

Approval of Financial Report: O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the financial report. Motion passed three to zero.

Approval of Bills: O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the paying of the bills as presented. Motion passed three to zero.

CORRESPONDENCE: Jeff O'Connor reached out to Dale DeYoung about the potential of using his pond as an area to host the 2018 pond shocking event. DeYoung was interested and willing to host the event on his property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Future Solar Projects – There are currently two NRIs that will be completed for solar projects in Kankakee County. Neither solar company has filed all of the documents required for the NRI to be completed, but communication between the companies and the district has been set in motion. Discussion about future solar projects will take place at Winter Training on December 5th & 6th.

Conservation Cropping Seminar – On January 23rd, Kankakee will be hosting the 2018 Conservation Cropping Seminar at the Hilton. The K3SWCD will be promoting, attending and helping with the event. Janes and O'Connor will spend time promoting the event and visiting local businesses to spread information about the 2018 CCS.

Cost Share Programs – Cover Crop Cost Share Program funding is still available to help offset the costs of first time cover croppers. A few producers have shown interest. There is no new information about the well sealing cost share.

SWCD Funding Distribution – LUC3 funding dispersal plan has been finalized. Kankakee County is set to receive a total allocation of \$15,129.85.

NRI Update – Janes has completed 2 NRI no effect letters, and 2 solar NRIs are currently in the works.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fish and Tree Sale Recap – The district wrapped up both the 2017 Fall Fish Sale and 2017 Fall Tree & Shrub sale. Both sales were a success. Janes is currently in communication with Logan Hollow Fish Farms to set a date for the Spring 2018 Fish Sale.

Appointment of Nominating Committee – O'Connor was named the nominating committee.

Illinois Envirothon Donation – O’Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve making a donation of \$100 to the 2018 Envirothon. Motion passed three to zero.

Winter Training – Janes will attend the 2017 Winter Training in Springfield on December 5th and 6th.

Website Development – Janes will contact Alan Riley and to work out a payment for website development.

Educational Outreach – Janes will visit with Farm Bureau manager, Chad Miller, and Farm Bureau Ag Coordinator, Lisa Habeeb, on Wednesday November 15 to discuss educational outreach in Kankakee County.

REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC REPORT – Nothing additional.

AC REPORT – Nothing additional.

DC REPORT – CSP payment deadline for 2017 is approaching.

FSA REPORT – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

The next regular District Board meeting will be December 18th at 5:30 pm.

Wissmiller made and Kirchner seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.