

Conservation Comments

Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District

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KCSWCD Holds Sixty-ninth Annual Meeting

IMPORTANT DATES!

**Spring Fish Sale Orders
due March 24th**

**Spring Tree Sale orders
due April 7th**

**See last page for more
details!**

The sixty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District was held on Monday, February 8, 2016 at the Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District office in Bourbonnais with 7 people present.

Chairman Jeff O'Connor opened the business portion of the Annual Meeting at 6:00 p.m. Board members and staff present: Directors Jeff O'Connor and Larry Kirchner, Associate Director John Settle, Resource Conservationist Kymer Nakert and Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle.

The agenda was presented; a

motion to approve the agenda as presented was made by Larry Kirchner and seconded by John Settle.

Larry Kirchner reported the minutes of the 68th Annual Meeting were provided for everyone and are being published in the Annual Report. A motion was made by Larry Kirchner to approve the minutes as printed; it was seconded by John Settle. Motion passed.

John Settle reported the financial statement was provided for everyone and is being published in the Annual Report. A motion was made by John Settle to approve the report as printed; it was seconded by Larry Kirchner. Motion passed.

Jeff O'Connor reported for the nominating committee and presented the names of Larry Kirchner of Salina Township, Alan Wissmiller of Limestone Township, and David Peters of Manteno Township in nomination of 2-year terms each. He then asked for nominations from the floor and when none were received he moved to accept the nominated candidates as duly elected. It was seconded by Linda Settle. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Jeff O'Connor and seconded by John Settle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Kids Day at the Farm

Kid's Day at the Farm is an educational, fun fieldtrip to the County fairgrounds where 4th grade students learn the importance of farming and increase their understanding of the origins of their food, clothing, and other farm-based products. This year, around 1000 students from area schools attended the event. Classes cycled through stations with various topics relating to agriculture, conservation, and the envi-

ronment. The Soil and Water Conservation District manned two stations, soil conservation and water conservation, to teach children the importance of conserving our natural resources. This two day event was possible with the help of many volunteers, including local FFA students. Kid's Day at the Farm continues to be a fantastic way to in-

volve and educate students about agriculture.

**Kid's Day at the Farm
2017**

March 15th & 16

2016 Section 10 Land Use Judging Contest

The 2016 Section 10 Land Use Judging Contest was held on the Salzman Farm west of Chebanse. Six FFA chapters (Peotone, Tri-Point, Herscher, Iroquois West, Central, and Cissna Park) competed. Students determined best management practices and limitations on four soils pits based on color, structure, texture, drainage, percent organic matter and slope. Teams consisted of five students with the high three students scor-

ing the team points.

Herscher FFA won the 2016 Land Use Judging competition with 962 points. Cissna Park finished second with 939 points and Central FFA was third with 935 points. Top individual scores were: 5th- Marcus Schmid (Cissna Park) 325 points, 3rd (tie)- Austin Yest (Herscher) and Brian Spooner (Central) 328 points, 2nd- Christian Stadel (Cissna Park)

343 points, and the top individual score went to Cale Rollins of Central FFA with 349 points.



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Envirothon 2016

Envirothon is much more than a competition. It is a fun, outdoor, team-based program designed to help students better understand their environment through exploration of ecology, natural resource management, and current environmental issues.

The Envirothon program combines classroom learning with hands-on field experiences focused on five major topics-Aquatics, Forestry, Soils, Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues. The five member teams rotate through five testing stations, where their knowledge is evaluated and scored through written examination.

The 2016 Land Use Council 3 Envirothon was once again held at Seneca High School in Grundy County. Land Use Council 3 includes Grundy, Iroquois, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, and Livingston counties. Fourteen teams from 9 schools competed for a trip to the state competition in Monticello. This year's winner was Morris High School in Grundy County.

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Income

State of Illinois Grant.....	\$ 0.00
CREP Enrollment.....	0.00
Newsletter Ads.....	1,780.00
Sales.....	92,526.54
Interest Income.....	38.48
NRI Production.....	2,175.00
E & SC Plans.....	4,545.00
Forest Preserve Program.....	1,750.00
Reimbursement.....	<u>1,041.00</u>
(Retired Employee Health Insurance)	
Total Income.....	\$ 111,989.02

Expenses

Staff.....	\$ 33,619.90
Contract Labor.....	8,662.72
Promotional Activities.....	100.00

Sales.....	79,374.34
Travel and Training.....	1,687.07
Printing and Reproduction....	3,200.00
Office Operations.....	2,382.44
Dues and Subscriptions.....	20.00
Insurance.....	3,126.82
CPP Projects/Well Sealing.....	168.12
CREP Enrollment Expense.....	0.00
Reimbursed Expense.....	<u>9,174.00</u>
(retired employee health insurance)	

Total Expense.....\$ 141,515.41

Net Income.....(\$ 29,526.39)

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Spring Sales!

Fish Sale

**Orders due: March
24th**

**(If ordering Carp: due March
17th)**

Pick-Up: April 4th

Tree Sale

Orders due: April 7th

Pick-Up: April 21st

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