

JANUARY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:30 AM

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of December 16, 2024 Board Meeting

Treasurer's Report

2. Approve Time and Travel
3. Approve Financial Report
4. Bill Approval

Correspondence: None

FSA Report

NRCS Report

Unfinished Business:

Partners for Conservation (PFC) Cost-Share
Grants
Education & Outreach Events
SESC Reviews
NRCS-SWCD IRA Funded Agreement

New Business:

Long Range Plan
CD Maturing

Reports – in addition to printed reports, if necessary

Resource Conservationist – Crystal Sauder
Administrative Coordinator – Linda Settle
Grants & Special Projects – Emilie Watkins

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Date and time of next Board Meeting
February 10, 2025 at 7:30 AM

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes January 13, 2025

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday January 13, 2025. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:35 AM. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Larry Kirchner, Jim Frogge and Ed Brown, Associate Directors John Settle and Cody Rollins, Resource Conservationist Crystal Sauder, Grants & Project Coordinator Emilie Watkins (by phone), Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and Soil Conservationist Matt Raymond. Absent were Director Alan Wissmiller, District Conservationist Trenton Rader.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Approval of Nominating Committee under New Business. Motion passed four to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: O'Connor made and Frogge seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed four to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of December 16, 2024 Board Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Approval of Time and Travel
Approval of Financial Report
Approval of Bills

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

PFC Cost Share – Sauder reported that \$21,414.13 in FY23 funds was transferred to 6 other SWCD's. The payments to participants in cover crops has been authorized to be released.

Grants – Compeer Grant – Sauder reported that 3 events are being planned for 2025 with 3 farmers. April is a termination/chemical sales event, June is a post-plant recap event and August will be a cover crop seeding options event. Hosts will be Dan Dandurand, Nick Saathoff and Jeff O'Connor (still confirming with Dan and Nick)

GDDF Grant - Watkins stated that the next Conservation Collaborative meeting will be in March 2025. Watkins stated that Rebecca Judd has suggested an additional new member. The final \$25,000 has been deposited into the District's account. An email has been sent to Rebecca Judd to schedule a phone call after the holidays.

Section 604B Rock Creek Watershed Plan – Watkins stated that she had a phone call scheduled with Ted for January 24th. Watkins has been working on items the District will need to be ready for the Section 604(b) grant. The District should have a purchasing policy on file.

Education & Outreach – Sauder stated that she is finalizing the date for the pond seminar with Seth Love, IDNR Fish Biologist. Kids Day at the Farm will be March 19th and 20th. Sauder stated she is going to be a volunteer but not a presenter. Associate Director Rollins is also going to be at Kid's Day.

SESC Reviews – Discussion was held on whether the District wants to conduct the SESC reviews. The question is what is the County doing or not doing with these reviews.

NRCS-SWCD IRA Funded Agreement – Watkins reported that participation in the local work group was due January 8th. She has signed the District up. The District will receive \$10,000 /year for 3 years. AISWCD is providing assistance with promotional materials and plans to have a facilitator to help with meetings. The first training will be held on Thursday, January 16th and cover LWG requirements, reporting template and Q&A Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

Long Range Plan – Sauder stated the Long Range Plan expired in 2020. The current plan needs to be reviewed and reevaluated for any changes. An updated plan needs turned into IDOA. Sauder and O'Connor will meet to review the current plan,

CD Maturing– Sauder reported that there is a CD maturing on January 19th. Bank of Bourbonnais currently has a special of 3.75% for 12 months. It would mature on 1/19/2026. Discussion was held and Kirchner made and O'Connor seconded a motion to allow Sauder to renew the CD with Bank of Bourbonnais at a rate of 4.0% for 12 months or 4.2% for 6 months. Motion passed 4 to zero.

Approval of Nominating Committee – Sauder reported that the nominating committee of Karen Boehrsen from FSA, Trenton Rader from NRCS and Matt Raymond from NRCS. Brown made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the nominating committee as presented. Motion passed four to zero.

REPORTS – in addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC Report – Sauder reported that she will be contacting Livingston Co. SWCD re: NRI policy for Wind Farms.

AC Report – Nothing additional

Grant Writer – Nothing additional

NRCS Report – Soil Conservationist Raymond stated that Equip deadline has arrived. There are 30 CSP apps in for approval.

FSA Report – Shannon stated there are no details on upcoming farm act.

Committee Reports –

Good of the Order –

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The next regular District Board meeting will be held on February 10, 2025 at 7:30 AM.

Frogge made and O'Connor seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed four to zero. The meeting adjourned at 9:13 AM.