

## KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### **Minutes June 17, 2019**

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly meeting Monday June 17, 2019. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Dave Peters and Jim Frogge, Associate Director John Settle, Resource Conservationist Emilie Janes, and Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle. Absent were Directors Alan Wissmiller, Larry Kirchner and District Conservationist Trenton Rader. Guests in attendance were Trevor Watkins, Tony Horn and Brian Whitebrook.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** O'Connor made and Frogge seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed three to zero.

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

#### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Minutes of May 13, 2019 Board Meeting.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**NRI Approval** – Janes stated that she had one NRI for approval. It is in Salina Twp. At 3000N and 12000W. The owners want to have it rezoned and add 2 acres to the parcel for future possibility of building a house. A full NRI was completed, LESA score is low. Recommendation is to not oppose the rezoning. Peters moved and O'Connor seconded a motion to follow the recommendation and not oppose the rezoning. Motion passed three to zero.

**Partners for Conservation Cost Share** – Discussion was held on the process that will be used for determining participants in the cost share program for cover crops that will be available for 2019. The program will be for first time cover crop users. The application to be completed was reviewed and some small changes were made. O'Connor made and Frogge seconded a motion to approve the application with the changes. Motion passed three to zero.

**Grants** – Janes stated that the conservation kits have been purchased.

**Outreach & Education** – There will be a Preventative Plant Cover Crop meeting in early to mid July. O'Connor stated that he and RC Janes will be meeting with delegates from China at the Ag office in Chicago on June 26<sup>th</sup>. August 20<sup>th</sup> will be a Soybean Association meeting at O'Connor Farms.

**Sales** – Janes stated the plant sale went well.

**Natural Resources of Kankakee County** – Janes picked up the book from Van Drunen's. It is unclear whether they are going to cost share with the District on printing copies of the book.

**Certificate of Deposit** - Janes stated that she has been playing phone tag with Midland States Bank. She also stated she would need a check to complete the process of getting a CD from the bank.

**Producer Conservation Survey** – Dakota Behrends, Intern is administering the surveys. She has edited the 2019 version and compiled the 2018 data.

**Kankakee River Basin Commission (KRBC)** – No update.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**FY2020 Budget** – Tabled until employee evaluations are completed.

**Behrends Events** – Janes stated that she would like to have Behrends attend the Soil Health Partnership at the Sycamore Field Day. Peters made and Frogge seconded a motion to have her attend. Motion passed three to zero.

**4-H Conservation Trophy Sponsorship** – O'Connor made and Peters seconded a motion to sponsor the 4-H Conservation Trophy for 2019. Motion passed three to zero.

**Prevailing Wage Ordinance** – Peters made and Frogge seconded a motion to approve the prevailing wages ordinance for 2019. Motion passed three to zero.

## **REPORTS – In addition to printed reports, if necessary**

**RC REPORT** – Janes stated that she will be taking vacation August 7 – 9 and August 23 – 26. She also stated that Crystal will be back last day of June.

**AC REPORT** – AC Settle stated that she needed a new "For Deposit Only Stamp" and would like to get one. Approval was given.

**DC REPORT** – None.

**FSA REPORT** – None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** – none.

The next regular District Board meeting will be July 8, 2019 at 7:00 am.

Peters made and Frogge seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.