

AUGUST BOARD MEETING AGENDA

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Monday, August 10, 2026 at 7:30 AM

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of July 6, 2026 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:

Agriculture Programs

Grants

Events

Conservation Planner Training

New Business:

NRI #2026-05

NRI #2026-06

Sales

Reports – in addition to printed reports, if necessary

Resource Conservationist – Crystal Sauder

Administrative Coordinator – Linda Settle

Administrative Coordinator – Monica Hernandez

Grants & Special Projects – Emilie Watkins

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Date and time of next Board Meeting
September 14, 2026 at 7:30 AM

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes August 10, 2026

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday August 10, 2026. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Larry Kirchner, Jim Frogge, Alan Wissmiller and Ed Brown (arrived at 7:37), Associate Directors John Settle, Cody Rollins and Adam Wagner, Resource Conservationist Crystal Sauder, Administrative Coordinator Monica Hernandez and Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle. Absent were Grants and Project Coordinator Emilie Watkins (on maternity leave), District Conservationist Trenton Rader and Soil Conservationist Matt Raymond.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of July 6, 2026 Board Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Approval of Time and Travel

Approval of Financial Report

Approval of Bills

CORRESPONDENCE: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Agriculture Programs – CRPG (Climate Pollution Reduction Grant) – Sauder reported that the Notice of funding has been released and the District's request was approved on August 7th.

Cost Share – Sauder stated payment forms from FY26 cost share are ready for Chairman O'Connor to sign

I-Cover – Sauder also stated Kankakee County had 1 applicant approved for the I-Cover program. Chairman O'Connor will sign the agreement with the applicant.

SESC – No new updates or response.

Grants – 604b Rock Creek Watershed – Sauder reported that the EPA has submitted the draft agreement to GATA for review. The District will review and approve the final agreement when it is done. Once it is signed, the agreement will be sent back to the EPA for final signatures and then become active. The next steps will be a meeting with Will Co. SWCD as well as beginning to contact and invite partners to become stakeholders. The first stakeholder meeting will be a virtual

informational meeting held on Thursday, September 17th, 1-2:30PM. There will also be monthly check in meetings with Ted Gray. Sauder asked if the District would be interested in a licensed drone pilot. He would be able to fly the drone over some of the stream channel segments of the tributaries and mainstem of Rock Creek.

RCPP Technical Assistance – Sauder reported that the RCPP Supplemental Agreement documents were sent to the board for review prior to the meeting. The documents have to be submitted today. Discussion was held. O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the documents as prepared. Motion passed five to zero.

Events – Conservation & Agriculture EXPO – Hernandez reported that a request from Livingston County SWCD had been received asking for assistance at the EXPO on Tuesday, September 29th at the Livingston County 4-H Fairgrounds in Pontiac. Consensus was not at this time.

Conservation Planner Training – Sauder reported that she attended Cultural Resources Part 2 training in Edwardsville August 4th & 5th. She still has 3 or 4 in person, 2 on-line and 2 conservation plans to write to complete her Conservation Planner Training.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nri #2026-05 - Sauder stated that the NRI needing approval is for rezoning of 5 acres on E State Route 17 & N 9500E, Momence from A1 to A2 farmland to residential to build a house on. Her recommendation is to send a letter of no objection due to a low LESA score. O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to follow the recommendation of sending a letter of no objection. Motion passed five to zero.

NRI #2026-06 – Sauder stated that the NRI needing approval is for rezoning of 25.23 acres on W 5000N & N 12000W, Bonfield from A1 to A2 to separate from larger parcel to sell. Her recommendation is to send a letter of no objection due to a low LESA score. O'Connor made and Kirchner seconded a motion to follow the recommendation of sending a letter of no objection. Motion passed five to zero.

Sales – Hernandez reported that the fall pond stocking sale has begun. Orders are due September 4th with pick up October 2nd.

REPORTS – in addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC Report – Nothing additional

AC Report – Nothing additional

Grant Writer – Nothing additional

NRCS Report – Nothing

FSA Report – Nothing

Committee Reports –

Good of the Order – O'Connor stated he will be in Maine at the next meeting. Vice Chairman Frogge will be in charge. Wissmiller will also not be at the next meeting. Wagner stated that the Prescribed Burn Group is moving forward.

The next regular District Board meeting will be held on September 14, 2026 at 7:30 AM.

Frogge made and O'Connor seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed five to zero. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 AM.