

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at 5:00PM

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of August 10, 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

Sales

Conservation Planner Training

New Business:

NRI #2026-07

County Soil Health Assessment

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 (*on maternity leave*)

For the Good of the Order

Adjournment

Date and time of next Board Meeting

October 19, 2026 at 7:30 AM

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes September 15, 2026

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday September 15, 2026. Vice Chairman Jim Frogge called the meeting to order at 4:57PM. Present were Directors Jim Frogge, Alan Wissmiller and Ed Brown, Associate Directors John Settle, Cody Rollins, Resource Conservationist Crystal Sauder, Administrative Coordinator Monica Hernandez and Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle. Absent were Directors Jeff O'Connor and Larry Kirchner, Associate Director Adam Wagner, Grants and Project Coordinator Emilie Watkins (on maternity leave), District Conservationist Trenton Rader and Soil Conservationist Matt Raymond.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Wissmiller made and Brown seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of the NRI #2026-07. Motion passed three to zero.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of August 10, 2026 Board Meeting

TREASURER 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 grant agreement has been received and the signed documents have been submitted. Funds should be arriving soon. She is checking all projects for correct documentation.

I-Cover – Sauder stated that the funds have been received. She is waiting on seed tags and receipts from the participant. Documents will be submitted to IDOA for payment authorization.

Cost Share (PFC) – Sauder reported that the District is not receiving any cost share funds for FY26. Allocations should resume in FY27. FY25 funds of \$11,708.42 that are left must be used by December 15th. There is an application for cover crop and strip-till that needs to be approved to tentatively use the funds. The strip-till payments cannot be made until after the spring work which would be after the December 15th deadline. The regional representative is inquiring whether the payment can be made after the deadline if the applications have been approved prior to that date. She stated that if no extension is possible, she could open up another round of applications for cover crops. Brown made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the cover crop application

for payment with the tentative approval of the strip-till applications pending the extension for payment. Motion passed three to zero.

Grants - 604B Rock Creek Watershed Plan – Sauder stated that there is a meeting with Will County SWCD on August 25th. The first virtual informational stakeholder meeting will be Thursday, September 17th from 1pm – 2:30 pm. Invitations to the meeting have been sent to the partners. Partners are being contacted and invited to become stakeholders. There are monthly check-in meetings with Ted Gray. Ted needs to know if the District is interested in doing the drone survey. The drone can be flown at any height. The goal is to fly low and centered over the channel. Survey will be completed in November/December.

RCPP Technical Assistance – Sauder reported that the signed RCPP Supplemental Agreement has been received from NRCS. The finalized document was sent out to the board on September 1st. Staff is beginning to track hours. Sauder states she is preparing a hiring document. A copy of the draft document was included with the board meeting slides as exhibit A

Events – Sauder stated that she is doing a presentation on Soil Health for Herscher Ag Science class on September 18th.

Sales – Hernandez reported that she turned in the final fish sale order on September 9, 2026.

Conservation Planner Training – Sauder reported that her training is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Conservation Soil Health Assessment - Sauder stated that Public Act 103-00494 amended the State Finance Act & the SWCD Act to establish the Illinois Health Soils Initiative. The act mandates SWCD's develop local soil health assessments with guidelines provided by the IDOA. The Kankakee County Soil Health Assessment was sent on September 4th for review to be approved at the board meeting. Brown made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the Kankakee County Soil Health Assessment. Motion passed three to zero.

REPORTS – in addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC Report – Sauder stated that she will be gone on October 6th.

AC Report – Nothing additional

Grant Writer – Nothing additional

NRCS Report – Per CED Murphy there are no updates.

FSA Report – Application deadlines for the FY27 programs has been tentatively set for December 18, 2026.

Committee Reports –

Good of the Order –

The next regular District Board meeting will be held on October 19, 2026 at 7:30 AM.

Wissmiller made and Brown seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 PM.