

# OCTOBER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 7:30 AM

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of September 9, 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  
Contract Work  
Sales

New Business:

FY24 AFR

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  
**November 18, 2024 at 7:30 AM**

## KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

### **Minutes October 21, 2024**

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, October 21, 2024. Chairman Jeff O'Connor called the meeting to order at 7:43 AM. Present were Directors Jeff O'Connor, Larry Kirchner, Jim Frogge and Ed Brown, Associate Directors John Settle, Resource Conservationist Crystal Sauder, Grants & Project Coordinator Emilie Watkins (by phone), Administrative Coordinator Linda Settle and District Conservationist Trenton Rader. Absent were Director Alan Wissmiller, Associate Director Cody Rollins and Soil Conservationist Matt Raymond.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Frogge made and Kirchner seconded a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of NRI 2024-01 to new business. Motion passed four to zero.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of September 10, 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 the District will be receiving more IDOA cost-share money to fund the remaining applications. This will be coming via transfer from other Districts.

Sauder also reported that she has received NRCS Sub-Agreement & CRP Technical Assistance Sub-Agreement extensions from AISWCD.

**Grants** – Compeer Grant – Sauder reported that the Soil on Demand Round Table will be December 5th at 6pm at Brickstone Brewery. Dinner will be provided. Discussion will be on the Soil on Demand project, web page and cost-share. Current Compeer grant has been extended through the end of 2025 to spend the remaining funds.

Watkins stated that she has emailed the web developer for an update. Watkins has not given any new tasks within the past 2 months. The web developer can potentially work through the end of 2025.

GDDF Grant - Watkins stated that the Conservation Collaborative group met on September 19, 12-1 PM @ SWCD Office with lunch provided. There were 9 attendees: SWCD, NRCS, FSA, NIAA, BTPD, USFWS and Farm Bureau. December 5, 6 PM @ Brickstone will be the next meeting.

Watkins stated that she had submitted the GDDF midterm report. The grant period goes through the end of 2025. Approximately \$13,000 left in budget.

Section 604B Rock Creek Watershed Plan – Watkins stated that she has been investigating the 604(b) plans and what the District responsibilities would entail. She has talked with a Champaign County SWCD Director, Kane-DuPage County SWCD staff and Chris Davis with the EPA.

**Sales** – Sauder reported that the sales are over and she is considering only doing a spring tree sale. The fall sale has been so small recently that it doesn't make much profit for the District.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**FY24 AFR** – Sauder stated that she had emailed the FY24 AFR to everyone to review after receiving it from SKDO. Kirchner made and Frogge seconded a motion to approve the FY24 AFR. Motion passed four to zero.

**NRI 2024-01** – Sauder stated that the County sent a letter regarding reviewing NRI 2024-01. This NRI was completed in January for separating housing from Ag land making it a subdivision. Discussion was held and consensus was to contact County.

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

**RC Report** – Nothing additional

**AC Report** – Nothing additional

**Grant Writer** – Nothing additional

**NRCS Report** – District Conservationist Rader reported that there is a new person in New Lenox. It is a possibility that there will be a new person in the Bourbonnais office. There is more money for programs this year that last year but not sure where it will be.

**FSA Report** – No Update

## **Committee Reports –**

**Good of the Order** – Sauder stated that she has been elected to the ISWCDEA Board.

The next regular District Board meeting will be held on November 18, 2024 at 7:30 AM.

Brown made and Kirchner seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed four to zero. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 AM.