

SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING AGENDA

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Monday, September 9, 2024 at 7:30 AM

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

Consent Agenda

Secretary's Report

1. Minutes of August 12, 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:

NRI 2024-10

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
October 21, 2024 at 7:30 AM

KANKAKEE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Minutes September 9, 2024

The Kankakee County Soil and Water Conservation District held its regular monthly board meeting on Monday, September 9, 2024. Vice Chairman Jim Frogge called the meeting to order at 7:37 AM. Present were Directors Jim Frogge, Alan Wissmiller 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 Directors Jeff O'Connor and Larry Kirchner and District Conservationist Trenton Rader.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Frogge made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as with a change of doing new business first. Motion passed three to zero.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Minutes of August 12, 2024 Board Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

CORRESPONDENCE: None

NEW BUSINESS:

NRI 2024-10 – Sauder stated that NRI 2024-10 is for a rezoning from A1 to SUP. They are building a community solar farm. The LESA score is low and her recommendation is to send a letter of no objection. Brown made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to approve the recommendation of a letter of no objection. Motion passed three to zero.

OLD BUSINESS:

PFC Cost Share – Sauder reported that IDOA sent payment form with wrong rate for strip-till. Payment forms have been updated for the contracts. She has requested additional money from IDOA for additional funding for contracts not currently funded. She has corresponded with those not funded.

Grants – Compeer Grant - Sauder stated that the Soil on Demand Round Table has been moved to December 5th at 6pm at Brickstone Brewery. Dinner will be provided. Discussion will be on the

Soil on Demand project, the web page and cost-share. Invited to the Round Table will be SOD farmers, cost-share recipients, SWCD Directors and Compeer.

Watkins reported that she has emailed the Compeer grant officer with the budget update and spending plan. She is waiting for approval before purchasing new stations.

GDDF Grant - Watkins stated that she has been working to add members to the Conservation Collaborative group. Upcoming Conservation Collaborative Meetings are September 19, 12-1 PM @ SWCD Office with lunch provided. December 5, 6 PM @ Brickstone with dinner provided. March will be a USFWS site tour with Jason Bleich.

Section 604B Rock Creek Watershed Plan – Watkins stated that Ted from Living Waters provided us with a proposal for the Rock Creek Watershed Based Plan and their standard agreement for our review and approval. Discussion was held on the District responsibilities outlined in the proposal, specifically the District assisting with obtaining permission for easement access to allow for evaluations. Watkins will be doing more research to find more information on the administrative workload.

Sales – Sauder reported that the deadline for the tree sale orders is October 4th with pickup on October 17th. The fish sale order deadline is September 16th for Grass Carp and September 23rd for all other orders with pickup October 11th. Order forms are on the website.

Section 604(b) Rock Creek Watershed Plan – Ted Gray explained the difference between a Section 319 and Section 604(b). Section 319 is the project implementation and Section 604(b) is the watershed planning. There are nine minimum elements of a watershed plan. Possible stakeholders have been identified. The planning and implementation overview has 5 steps, Outreach, Plan Development, Reviews, Implementation and Evaluation. The funding would all be federal source dollars without any local match. Kankakee SWCD would be the Grant Applicant/ Administrative Agent for the plan. The next step would be for the SWCD to do a contract with Living Waters. Board discussion followed. Frogge has been appointed to the Kankakee River Subcommittee who held their first meeting July 26th with the next one being August 22nd.

REPORTS – in addition to printed reports, if necessary

RC Report – Nothing additional

AC Report – Nothing additional

Grant Writer – Nothing additional

Conservation Coordinator – Nothing additional.

NRCS Report – Soil Con Raymond reported that CRP is wrapping up for FSA. Will County is down 2 people so Kankakee County is still helping.

FSA Report – No Update

Committee Reports –

Good of the Order – Frogge gave a short report on the Kankakee County Waterways Advisory Sub-Committee recent meeting. The next meeting will be October 3rd.

The next regular District Board meeting will be held on October 21, 2024 at 7:30 AM.

Brown made and Wissmiller seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed three to zero. The meeting adjourned at 8:29 AM.