



Board Meeting
Monday, January 13th, 2025, 5:00pm
USDA Service Center, Yorkville, IL

Present:	Absent:
Kerri Horton, Chairwoman Scott Kaufmann, Treasurer Rita Feltes, Vice Chairwoman Deanna Bazan, Secretary Nancy Cinatl, Associate Director Alyse Olson, Resource Conservationist Ariel Beauchamp, Education Coordinator Nicole Schneider, Administrative Coordinator Megan Andrews, Soil Conservationist Shelly Ray, IDOA Regional Representative Ed Pfaff, Guest	Seth Wormley, Kendall County Board Liaison Zach Bachmann, Kendall County Board Liaison Erez Brandvain, District Conservationist

- 5:10 pm: **Call to Order**
Meeting was called to order by Kerri Horton, Chairwoman.
Horton called for additions to the agenda. The following action was taken:
Motion to approve the agenda by: Scott Kaufmann; 2nd by Rita Feltes- Motion Carried.
- 5:11 pm: **Minutes for Approval**
- Horton called for the approval of the December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.
The following action was taken:
Motion to approve the December 2024 Board Meeting Minutes by: Deanna Bazan; 2nd by Scott Kaufmann; – Motion Carried.
- 5:13 pm: **Financial Reports**
Schneider highlighted the NRCS Contribution payments deposited and Newsletter Ad Income. She also highlighted the opening of the Reserve account at Old Second.
The following action was taken: **Motion to approve the December Treasurer’s Report by: Scott Kaufmann; 2nd by Rita Feltes – Motion Carried.**
- 5:15 pm: **Reports**
- Committees: Personnel/Finance, Policy, Education, Strategic Planning:** Finance committee meeting will be scheduled soon.
 - NRCS:** Written report provided by Megan Andrews & included in packet. Highlights include:
 - Financial Assistance Programs (FAP) available for Kendall County
 - FY25 FAP Deadlines
 - Outline of new monthly report
 - SWCD:**
 - EC- Ariel Beauchamp:** Report provided as written with a few highlights on the following:
 - Reached 503 students
 - Planning for Summer Ag Institute, Farm Camp & Natural Resource Tour
 - RC- Alyse Olson:** Report provided in board packet as written with highlights on the following:
 - Research IT Companies

- Attend meetings for FREP, FRSG, FRSG Committee, KCZPAC, etc.
 - **AC- Nicole Schneider:** Report provided in Board Packet with highlights on the following:
 - Technical issues - external hard drive crashed and computer hard drive was crashing.
 - Election Preparation
 - Post and publish Election materials
- 4. **Kendall County Board:** No report at this time.
- 5. **IDOA:** Rep Shelly Ray gave an in person update:
 - Rolling our iCover (similar to spring savings 4 fall covers)
 - 100% of costs
 - 3year contract
 - \$2.3 million to spend on this initiative
 - No specific updates for the grant agreement, but the payments should be made the same time as last year.
 - Technical Assistance payments should be paid out by now, if not, in the next few days/weeks.
- 6. **AISWCD:** Verbal updates given by Schneider. Highlights include:
 - New Executive Director – Elliot Clay.
- 7. **LUC 3:** No report at this time.
- 8. **ISWCDEA / Insurance Committee:** Verbal updates given by Schneider. Highlights include:
 - December and January health insurance invoices have been received and paid for RC, EC & AC. As well as the ST/LT and Life insurance paid for all three district employees.

5:40 pm:

Old Business:

1. **Timesheets Review & Approval:** Staff December timesheets were presented for review and approval. The following action was taken:
Motion to approve December timesheets by: Rita Feltes; 2nd by Deanna Bazan – Motion Carried.
2. **Director Vacancy:** Directors would like this to stay on the agenda to continue to discuss how to invite more individuals to become associate directors.
3. **2025 Winter Soil Health Workshop:**
 - First workshop:
 - i. March 6th, 2025 5:00PM – 6:30PM
 - ii. Topic: *Integrating Cover Crops into Crop Rotation*
 - iii. Location: Yorkville Library
 - Second workshop:
 - i. March 20th, 2025 5:00PM – 6:30PM
 - ii. Solutions in the Land, farmer panel discussion
 - iii. Location: Yorkville Library
4. **2025 Tree Planting Initiative:** Waiting on location confirmation from the Oswego Park District.

6:30 pm:

New Business

1. **New IT Company Research:** Olson presented her research findings on local and suggested IT Company's. Olson also presented the Invoice from the AC Computer installation from TechPro. Discussion between the board and staff members ensued. In conclusion, more research will be done to locate a permanent IT Company for a contract, in the meantime, we have TechPro to assist in IT emergencies.
2. **NRCS-SWCD IRA Funded Agreement:** Olson presented the board members with the new NRCS-SWCD IRA Funded Agreement that was sent out by AISWCD. Olson concluded the Local Work Groups will work with the district. The board agreed and supported Olson's decision to move forward with the Local Work Group.

6:40 pm:

Correspondence: See board packet.

- AISWCD: E-newsletter
- IDOA: None
- NACD: None
- NRCS:
- Updates: FREP e-newsletter, Chicago Wilderness e-newsletter, The Conservation Foundation e-newsletter
 - Virtual FREP Noon Network on February 12th from Noon– 1:30 pm on Alternatives to Turf Grass <https://foxriverecosystem.org/fox/meetings-news>

6:45 pm:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Deanna Bazan, 2nd by Scott Kaufmann – Motion Carried.

Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 10th, 2024, 5:00pm at the Yorkville USDA Service Center.

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Schneider