



**Kendall County Soil & Water
Conservation District**

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**Board Meeting
Monday, March 10th, 2025, 5:00pm
USDA Service Center, Yorkville, IL**

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

- 5:12 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: Deanna Bazan; 2nd by Scott Kaufmann- Motion Carried.
- 5:13 pm: **Minutes for Approval**
1. Horton called for the approval of the February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.
The following action was taken:
Motion to approve the February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes by: Scott Kaufmann; 2nd by Rita Feltes; – Motion Carried.
- 5:15 pm: **Financial Reports**
Schneider highlighted the purchase of two tickets to the Annual Beef Association Banquet, the AC Computer and software, district uniforms and a legal publication for elections.
The following action was taken: **Motion to approve the February Treasurer's Report by: Scott Kaufmann; 2nd by Rita Feltes – Motion Carried.**
- 5:20 pm: **Reports**
1. **Committees: Personnel/Finance, Policy, Education, Strategic Planning:** No report at this time.
2. **NRCS:** Board report included in the board packet.
3. **SWCD:**
 - **AC- Nicole Schneider:** Report provided in Board Packet with highlights on the following:
 - Promote upcoming workshops, seminars and events.
 - Attend Beef Association Annual Dinner
 - Attend Pond Seminar 3/5
 - Process Spring Newsletter
 - **EC- Ariel Beauchamp:** Report provided as written with a few highlights on the following:
 - Reached 726 students
 - Wrapped up Pizza lesson now beginning the Compost lesson
 - Compost lesson includes a compostable pencil
 - Soil Health Week

- Hosted a virtual book read about the Dust Bowl
 - Hosted a virtual interview
 - Preparation for NRT & Summer Ag Institute
 - Ag Career Contest now open for students 6th-12th grades (or ages 12-18) <https://forms.gle/deB8Cdcym7ZDK8Zm7>
- **RC- Alyse Olson:** Report provided in board packet as written with highlights on the following:
- Sign up period for PFC is until March 29th
 - We currently have interest in a pollinator patch and well ceiling.
 - Coordinating workshops
 - Cover crop workshop was a success with a great turn out and conversation
 - Regenerative Agriculture workshop planning, so far 10 people RSVP'd
4. **Kendall County Board:** No report at this time.
5. **IDOA:** Board report included in board packet. Highlights include:
- I-Cover opened now – 3-year cover crop in the same location
 - Election materials due to IDOA by April 1st.
6. **AISWCD:** Verbal updates given by Schneider.
7. **LUC 3:** Meeting was held on March 6th. Our director, Deanna Bazan was in attendance and provided verbal updates of the meeting.
8. **ISWCDEA / Insurance Committee:** Verbal updates given by Schneider. Highlights include:
- March health insurance invoices have been received and paid for RC, EC & AC.

5:45 pm:

Old Business:

1. **February Timesheets Review & Approval:** Staff February timesheets were presented for review and approval. The following action was taken:
Motion to approve February timesheets by: Deanna Bazan; 2nd by Rita Feltes– 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:**
 - Second workshop: has been posted on all socials, website and emailed
 - i. March 20th, 2025 5:00PM – 6:30PM
 - ii. Solutions in the Land, farmer panel discussion
 - iii. Location: Yorkville Library
 - iv. 10 people currently registered for the event
4. **2025 Tree Planting Initiative:**
 - The Kendall County SWCD was selected for the tree planting event. We are waiting on a confirmed date from the University of IL Extension office.
5. **New IT Company Research:** Olson presented the board with a 3-month contract with Pridwen Solutions LLC. After reviewing the contract, the following action was taken:

Motion to approve the 3-month Managed Services Agreement with Pridwen Solutions LLC for IT support by: Rita Feltes; 2nd by Scott Kaufmann – Motion Carried.

6. **Organization of the Board:** The 2025 Organization of the Board for Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District was presented to the board. The following action was taken: **Motion to approve 2025 Organization of the Board by: Scott Kaufmann 2nd; by Deanna Bazan; - Motion Carried.**
7. **Schedule Finance Committee Meeting:** A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for April 17th at 4PM at the Yorkville USDA Service Center.

6:15 pm:

New Business

1. **FY26 State Funding Update:** Schneider provided an update to the board with a proposed budget from the State. It was included in the board packet.
2. **Subcommittee Organization:** The 2025 Subcommittee Organization for Kendall County Soil and Water Conservation District was presented to the board. The following action was taken: **Motion to approve 2025 Subcommittee Organization by: Scott Kaufmann 2nd; by Rita Feltes; - Motion Carried.**
3. **FY25 PFC Practice Component List Review & Approval:** The FY25 PFC Practice Component List was presented for review & approval: The following action was taken: **Motion to approve FY25 PFC Practice Component List by: Deanna Bazan 2nd; by Rita Feltes; - Motion Carried.**
4. **IDOA FY25 Grant Agreement:** The IDOA FY25 Grant Agreement was presented for review & approval: The following action was taken: **Motion to approve the IDOA FY25 Grant Agreement by: Scott Kaufmann 2nd; by Rita Feltes; - Motion Carried.**
5. **2025 SWCD Advocacy Day:** The board was presented an email from the Executive Director of AISWCD, Elliot Clay. The email included details and the date of the 2025 SWCD Advocacy Day. The board is not able to attend and will prioritize other avenues of Advocacy.

6:35 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

6:37 pm:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Nancy Cinatl, 2nd by Deanna Bazan – Motion Carried.

Our next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 14th, 2025, 5:00pm at the Yorkville USDA Service Center.

Minutes Submitted by: Nicole Schneider

