

**DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District
Meeting Minutes**

April 2, 2008

I. Call to order

Paul Taylor called to order the regular April meeting of the DeKalb County Soil and Water Conservation District at 7:00 p.m. on April 2, 2008 at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture.

II. Attendance (P=Present, A=Absent)

STAFF	DIRECTORS	ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS	
Dean Johnson <u> P </u>	Paul Taylor <u> P </u>	Jim Arndt <u> P </u>	Scott Keneway <u> A </u>
Sandra Warner <u> P </u>	John Begun <u> A </u>	Dick Bend <u> P </u>	Gordon Kohn <u> A </u>
Mike Richolson <u> A </u>	Scott Pumroy <u> P </u>	Pete Cowan <u> A </u>	Mike Konen <u> A </u>
Paul Searl <u> P </u>	Paul Dreska <u> P </u>	Peggy Doty <u> P </u>	Nick Moore <u> A </u>
	Ralph Boesche <u> P </u>	Joel Gerlt <u> P </u>	Dennis Stoia <u> P </u>
<u>GUESTS</u>		Joe Gulotta <u> P </u>	Roger Wurtz <u> P </u>
..... Connie Gustafson <u> P </u>			

III. Approval of Minutes

Ralph Boesche moved to approve the minutes of the March 5, 2008 meeting. Paul Dreska seconded the motion, motion carried.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Added to the agenda under new business: Slide show. Ralph Boesche moved to approve the April agenda with additions. Paul Dreska seconded the motion, motion carried.

V. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Scott Pumroy reviewed the treasurer's report for the period ending March 31, 2008. Paul Dreska moved to approve the treasurer's report. Ralph Boesche seconded the motion, motion carried.

VI. Approval of Finances

Finances were reviewed. Paul Dreska moved to approve the payments of listed bills. Ralph Boesche seconded the motion, motion carried.

Num	Date	Name	Memo	Amount
3341	3/5	Ollie's	Board Meeting	\$65.60
3342	3/10	AgriNews	Trailer/Tractor Ad	\$59.50
3343	3/10	Hintzsche	Vehicle Gas	\$65.03
3344	3/10	Waupaca Publishing	Trailer/Tractor Ad	\$56.00
3345	3/11	FirStar	Feb. Fed Tax	\$2,030.12
3346	3/11	Illinois Dept. of Revenue	Feb State Tax	\$234.93
3347	3/12	Dean H Johnson	PP# 6	\$1,227.58
3348	3/12	Sandra B Warner	PP# 6	\$1,061.90
3349	3/19	Gerald Drake	Tillage Initiative	\$200.00
3350	3/19	Sandra Warner	Dr. Prepays/Mileage	\$131.01
3351	3/19	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	\$38.17
3352	3/25	Office Max	Banquet	\$57.65
3353	3/26	fbconnection	Fax Line	\$6.78
3354	3/26	Hintzsche	Vehicle Gas	\$63.10
3355	3/26	Sweet Dreams	Planning Breakfast	\$152.00
3356	3/26	Verizon	Fax Line	\$31.46
3357	3/26	Dean H Johnson	PP# 7	\$1,227.59
3358	3/26	Sandra B Warner	PP# 7	\$1,061.90

VII. Natural Resources Conservation Service Report

Report was submitted to Board for review of activities for March and upcoming activities for April.

VIII. Resource Conservation Report

Report was submitted to Board for review of activities for March and upcoming activities for April.

IX. Administrative Coordinator Report

Report was submitted to Board for review of activities for March and upcoming activities for April.

XI. Natural Resources Education Report

Spoke about the Genoa project.

XII. Natural Resource Inventory Report

None Given

XIII. Correspondence

- Conservation Catch-All
- Discussed about the possibility of a Natural Resource Inventory report for proposed wind farm construction by Florida Power and Light. ½ will be built in DeKalb County and ½ will be built in Lee County
- As of April 15th 2008 it was proposed that CPP projects be suspended until funding was received from the State. The Department of Agriculture is asking that the SWCD's rethink this.

XIV. Time Sheets

Time sheets for pay periods 6 and 7 were reviewed by Paul Dreska and approved.

XV. Old Business

Banquet-Final arrangement for the April 4th 2008 Conservation Awards Banquet were discussed.

Filter Strip- John moved to approve the filter strip tax incentive for Frank Willis. Paul Dreska seconded the motion, motion carried.

Locally Led Workgroup Meeting- Held March 7th with about 22 people including: 1 mayor, 5 county board members, SWCD Directors and Staff, FSA Committee, NRCS Staff. The agenda for the meeting was to prioritize resources concerns. The outcome is as follows: #5 Access and Communication (Education), #4 Urban Conservation (Bio Swales, Pervious Surfaces, #3 Long-term protection of the natural resources #2a Ground water quality and quantity, #2 b Long-term Ag plan (Build out plan) #1 Land Use , (Farm land protection, Sustainability).

Lake Holiday-Updated on what was happening, Lake Holiday expressed that they would like to continue the study and will be up for a vote at their next meeting.

XVI. New Business

Conservation Tillage Initiative-Scott Pumroy moved to put the conservation tillage initiative on hold until the State monies are released. Ralph Boesche seconded the motion, motion carried.

Filter Strip Approval-Scott Pumroy moved to approve tax incentive for John Begun 5.6 acres of filter strips. Paul Dreska seconded the motion, motion carried.

Summer Conference-July 28-29

Trailer-Scott Pumroy moved to make sides for the trailer so it can be utilized for tree sale. Ralph Boesche seconded the motion, motion carried.

Slide Show-Paul Dreska suggested putting the notes on slides for next meeting to save on paper. We will this at the next meeting to see if it works.

XVII. Other

None

XVIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next meeting of the DeKalb County SWCD Board will be held on **Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.** at the DeKalb County Farm Bureau Center for Agriculture.