

## Kane County KC Agriculture Committee

Government Center 719 S. Batavia Ave., Bldg. A Geneva, IL 60134

## KC Agriculture Committee Agenda

JUBY, Roth, Allan, Lenert, Penesis, Sanchez, Williams and ex-officio Pierog (County Chair)

Thursday, August 21, 2025

10:30 AM

**County Board Room** 

## 2025 Committee Goals

Goals from the July Agriculture Committee meeting

- Revise County Code Definition of the Agriculture Committee
- Awareness & Support of Agriculture Raise public awareness and support for agriculture in Kane County as an industry sector and community resource
- Farmland Protection Work in concert with the Farmland Protection Commission and County Board to oversee the successful implementation of Kane County's Farmland Protection Ordinance and related conservation efforts, and pursue funding
- Continue Growing for Kane Program Direct the implementation of programs and policies that expand the production of locally grown foods and improve community access to fresh and healthy food choices, and pursue funding
- Continue partnerships with Kane County Farm Bureau and Northern Illinois Food Bank
- Implement current grant funded projects
- Continue to apply for additional outside grants
- Implement economic development projects for Agriculture
- ARPA Small grants for farmers
- Other projects identified by the Economic Development Strategic Plan for Kane County

- 1. Call To Order
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Remote Attendance Requests
- 4. Approval of Minutes: July 17, 2025
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Partners
  - **A.** Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
  - **B.** Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Robert Desio, Senior Manager of Public Policy and Benefits)

## 7. Presentations/Announcements

**A.** Amendments to Agricultural Conservation Easements (Sarahy Castro, Farmland Preservation Administrator)

- **B.** Growing for Kane Program Updates (Matt Tansley, Planner)
- 8. New Business
  - **A. Resolution:** Approving an Amendment to the Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement for the Evans Farm through the Kane County Farmland Protection Program
  - **B.** Resolution: Approving an Amendment to the Deed of Agricultural Conservation Easement for the Peterson Farm through the Kane County Farmland Protection Program
- 9. Executive Session (if needed)
- 10. Reports Placed On File
- 11. Adjournment