

Kane County KC Agriculture Committee Agenda

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

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

Thursday, January 23, 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: December 18, 2024
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Partners
 - **A.** Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Bill Collins, Director)
- 7. Presentations/Announcements
 - A. Sustainable Agriculture Projects Update (Ellen Kamps, Consultant)
 - **B.** Growing for Kane Resolutions and Updates (Matt Tansley, Planner)

C. Farmland Protection Program Acreage Analysis (Catherine McKenna, Planner / GIS Specialist)

8. New Business

- A. Resolution: Authorizing a One-Year Extension and Amending the Contract Limit for Ellen Kamps to Provide Continued Food and Agriculture Consulting Services
- **B.** Resolution: Authorizing a One-Year Contract Extension with New Venture Advisors to Provide Food and Agriculture Consulting Services
- 9. Reports Placed On File
- 10. Executive Session
 - A. Release of Closed Session Minutes
- 11. Open Session
 - A. Vote on Release of Closed Session Minutes
- 12. Adjournment