



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, July 23, 2026

10:30 AM

County Board Room

2026 Committee Goals

1. Farmland Protection

Oversee the implementation of Kane County's Farmland Protection Program, working in concert with the Farmland Protection Commission, with a focus on increasing total acreage preserved for farming, improving access to farmland for future generations, and exploring new conservation strategies.

2. Growing for Kane

Direct activities aligned with the Growing for Kane Program that support Kane County's food growers with funding, technical expertise, and policy improvements to make healthy, locally grown foods more accessible.

3. Funding Advocacy

Advocate for funding to advance initiatives that support farm businesses and farm practices that strengthen Kane County's agricultural sector.

4. Staff Oversight

Provide oversight of County staff administering projects and programs that address the needs of farmland preservationists, agricultural businesses, food assistance organizations, and residents with limited access to fresh grown foods.

5. Raising Awareness of Agriculture

Raise community awareness of the value of agriculture in Kane County for providing economic benefits, opportunities for land stewardship, a sustainable source of healthy foods, and maintaining a historic rural heritage.

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- 1. Call To Order**
 - 2. Roll Call**
 - 3. Remote Attendance Requests**
 - 4. Approval of Minutes: June 18, 2026**
 - 5. Public Comment**
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6. Partners

- A.** Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Bona Heinsohn, Manager)
- B.** Kane-DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District Updates (Kat Gerdts, Administrative Coordinator)
- C.** Northern Illinois Food Bank Updates (Robert Desio, Senior Manager of Public Policy and Benefits)

7. Presentations/Announcements

- A.** Kane County Agricultural Economic Development Video (Chris Toth, Planning Division Manager)
- B.** Growing for Kane Program Updates (Matt Tansley, Planner)

8. New Business

- A. Resolution:** Authorizing the Application for and Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant for the Kane County Food and Farm Technical Assistance Program

9. Reports Placed On File**10. Executive Session (if needed)****11. Adjournment**