

Kane County KC Agriculture Committee

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

C Agriculture Committe Agenda

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

Thursday, April 17, 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: March 20, 2025
- 5. Public Comment
- 6. Partners
 - **A.** Kane County Farm Bureau Updates (Steve Arnold, Manager)
 - **B.** Meet Your Farmer Series (Alexis Barnes, Educator, University of Illinois Extension)
- 7. Presentations/Announcements
 - **A.** Farmer Weatherization Rebate Program (Austin Powell, Sustainability Coordinator)

- B. IL-EATS Program and Workshop Recap (Matt Tansley, Planner)
- 8. New Business
 - **A.** 2025 Proclamation Recognizing Steve Pitstick as a Master Farmer Award Recipient
- 9. Reports Placed On File
- 10. Executive Session (if needed)
- 11. Adjournment