

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairperson David Ruden at 1:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District office, Epworth, Iowa on February 11, 2020. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss & Jane Butt, CA Jackson Co.; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Dave Ruden, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger.

Adopt Agenda: With the addition of Eric Schmechel, the agenda was approved as presented:

20-15 Motion made by Demmer to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker – Katherine Hannigan: Updating District's Soil & Water Resource Plan and the assistance she will be providing. Planning to perhaps do this in April.

Commissioner Training Video: None

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Ruden called for a discussion of the January 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Also reviewed was the January 23, 2020 special meeting minutes.

20-16 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the regular meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

20-17 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the special meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '20** Account information:

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 650.02	REAPF/NG	\$ 0.00
Cost Share	\$ 0.00		

Supplemental REAP Funding: Notification has been received that REAPP will increase by \$549.98 to cover Ron Miller's amendment. REAP F/NG will receive \$2,250 in funding to cover Craig Heims application.

Cost Share Applications:

IFIP

None

REAP

Craig Heims, 3 acre tree planting with woody plant competition, \$2,250 cost share

20-18 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the application. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Amendments:

Ron Miller, #79962, 10 additional acres of TSI to be completed, original estimated cost increased from \$1,600 to \$3,200 and obligated funds increased from \$1,200 to \$2,400.

20-19 Motion made by Demmer to approve the amendment. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Certifications:

None

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

None

Slough Bill Applications:

Becker, Joyce	Open Prairie	1.19, 12.72
Borgwardt, Terry & Steele, Julia	Open Prairie	5.42, 2.73
Idelkope, Daphne & Abigail	Open Prairie (2)	11.72, 10.26
Leigh, Mary E Trust	Forest Cover (4)	10.96, .27, 11.72, 1.53
Peterson, Ryan	Open Prairie	4.12

20-20 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Slough Bill applications. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

1M/Finance:

- January Bank Statement & Quicken reports were available for review.
- January Treasurer's Report was reviewed.

20-21 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the January Treasurer's & Quicken Reports. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- Partnership Day will be held February 26th at the Capitol. Demmer attending?
- Soil Loss Amendment/Revision Process – This is our year to have a public meeting to review our soil loss limits. Public Meeting will be held at noon on March 10th. Neil Sass, NRCS Soil Scientist and Bobby Kuennen, IDALS field rep will be present to assist. Public Hearing notice will be printed on February 24th in the Dubuque Telegraph Herald.

- General Election paperwork is available for those wanting to run for office. Ruden will not be seeking another term. Discussion was held regarding recruiting a potential female candidate.
- IPERS Compliance Review – no date set yet for review.
- Resolution Process – 2 ideas – 30’ buffers on streams & universal payroll for all SWCD’s (CDI provide?)
- Commissioner spring Regional Meeting to be held on March 18th from 4-8 p.m. at Wolfey’s Outback in Quasqueton. Ruden, Demmer, Freiburger, Schmitt & Weiss will attend.

75th Anniversary – Open house to be held on March 26th from 1-3 p.m.

Personnel Updates:

- Training Request for Schmechel - \$1,935 to attend Center for Watershed Protection’s 2020 National Watershed and Stormwater Conference in Texas. Eric will be co-presenting with Iowa DNR in April.

20-22 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the travel request. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Updates: Maquoketa River WMA meeting on February 25th. Cathfish Creek WMA meeting on March 4th.

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

- EQIP, CSP details are slowly being released.
- February 25th Soil Health workshop will be held at NICC – Ag Safety Center from 9-4.

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions/Conservation Plans: 1 plan to be approved.

20-23 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the plan. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Ruden requested a motion to adjourn.

20-24 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Office, Epworth, Iowa.

Melvin Wilgenbusch 3/10/2020 William Duff 2/20/20
 Chairperson Date Secretary Date

