

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
October 8, 2019

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Melvin Wilgenbusch at 1:02 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District, Epworth, Iowa on October 8, 2019. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss – District Conservationist, Colleen Siefken – Conservation Assistant; Commissioners: Melvin Wilgenbusch, Jeff Schmitt, Wayne Demmer, Dave Ruden and Mike Freiburger.

Adopt Agenda: Being no additions or changes, the agenda was approved as presented:

19-104 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Wilgenbusch called for a discussion of the September 3, 2019 meeting minutes.

19-105 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

*Jeff Schmitt joined the meeting

Commissioner Training Video #10: Video was emailed to commissioners to view the video at home. Discussion was held on video contents.

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

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 650.02	REAPF/NG	\$ 16,500.00
Cost Share	\$ 59,539.25		

REAP F/NG Supplemental Received: \$16,178.54 received (included in balance above).

Cost Share Applications:

IFIP

Joe Jarding, #80720, 40 acres no-till, \$400.00 cost share

REAP

Corporation of New Melleray, #79459, 22 acres of Tree/Shrub Establishment with Woody Plant Competition, \$16,500.00 cost share

19-106 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the above listed applications. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Ruden abstained. Motion carried.

Cost Share Amendments:

None

Cost Share Certifications:

- Lloyd Kennedy, #76360, \$450.00 cost share
- Kenneth Runde, #69321, \$600.00 cost share

19-107 Motion made by Demmer to approve the certifications. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

- Kenneth Runde, #69321, 5 acres Forest Stand Improvement

19-108 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the agreement. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

1M/Finance:

- September Bank Statement & Quicken reports were available for review.
- Treasurer's Report for the month of September was reviewed. It was noted that a check for Denny Weiss needed to be added to the list of checks written for the month.
- 1M Expense Voucher is the amount of \$1,147.00 was reviewed.
- Siefken noted that the District's web site will need to be renewed by the end of December. New monthly rate will be \$14.99/mth. No discount for multi-year renewal.
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19-109 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the September Treasurer Report. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

19-110 Motion made by Ruden to approve the expense voucher. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- October 17th – Dubuque County Board of Supervisors/SWCD/Partners meeting at Swiss Valley Nature Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.
- Agreement between IDALS & SWCD regarding NACD TA Grant #2 – board reviewed details
- General Election filing dates have changed from August to March 2- 20, 2020. Mel & Jeff's terms will be expiring this year.
- \$750 1M Supplemental Funds received.
- RCPP Funding Announcement
- National Conservation Foundation Fall Campaign

- Urban Conservation Water Quality Initiative Demonstration Project funding pre-application deadline is December 6, 2019. Forwarded to Schmechel.

19-111 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the NACD Agreement with IDALS. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Updates: Freiburger assisted the Master Gardeners with their Soil Health workshop on October 6th. Ruden & Freiburger assisted with the National Mississippi River Museum's Oceanic Conference.

Personnel Updates:

- Schmechel is working with Dubuque County to have ArcGIS installed onto his county office computer. Possibility that SWCD will need to pay for software maintenance on the computer.

NRCS Updates:

- Weiss discussed planning for February Soil Health Meeting. Proposed to move to Dubuque County this year. Delaware county has funds for speaker fees. Corn and/or Soybean Associations and Farm Credit Services have donated funds for meals in past and will be contacted again. NICC Ag Safety Center is being planned as the location. Concerns if school should be cancelled need to be considered with this location. Planning meeting will be held on October 17th.
- Joe Portz, FSA CED joined the meeting and the local EQIP Work Group meeting was held to discuss EQIP program for upcoming year. Maps of priorities areas were provided along with cost share practices. No changes are planned for this year.

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions/Conservation Plans: 46

19-112 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Conservation Plans. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

*Wilgenbusch and Demmer had to leave the meeting early. Ruden took over as Chair.

SWCD Shirts for Commissioners: Freiburger mentioned the possibility of getting SWCD shirts for the commissioners. He was encouraged to contact Schmechel to see where he got the Catfish Creek Watershed shirts and report back to the board.

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

19-113 Motion made by Schmitt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District, Epworth, Iowa.

Melvin Wilgenbusch 11/13/2019
Chairperson Date

William S. P. ... 10/7/17
Secretary Date