

**MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
EPWORTH IA  
March 7, 2017**

**Call Meeting to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Charles McCullough at 5:52 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District office, Epworth, Iowa on March 2, 2017. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss & Colleen Siefken; Commissioners: Jerry Ostwinkle, Charles McCullough, Dave Ruden & Jeff Schmitt; Assistant Commissioner: Robert O'Connell.

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

17-31 Motion made by Ruden to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:** McCullough called for a discussion of the February 7, 2017 meeting minutes.

17-32 Motion made by Ostwinkle to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

**FARMS Program Summary:** Current **FARMS '17** Account information:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Balance</b>
REAPP	\$ 5,291.41	REAPF/NG	\$ 963.80
Cost Share	\$ 0.00		

**Cost Share Applications:**

*IFIP*

None

*REAP*

None

*Tete Des Morte*s

Thomas Budde, #60250, .9 ac grass waterway, \$1,596 cost share

Thomas Budde, #60233, 1 water & sediment control structure, \$3,762.00 cost share

*SRF*

Kevin Koltes, inquiry in regards to whether or not he is eligible for to sign up for SRF at this point. His Ag Waste Structure was funded with EQIP in 2016 and paid earlier this year.

17-33 Motion made by Ruden to inform Koltes that since his project has already been constructed and paid he will not be considered for SRF funding. Application needed to be made prior to construction. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

17-34 Motion made by Ostwinkle to approve the Tete Des Mortes cost share applications. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Amendments:

None

Cost Share Certifications:

None

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

None

1M/Finance:

- February Bank Statement was available for review.
- Checks Written –
  - o #2926, \$8,882.00 – City of Dubuque (Watershed Symposium)
  - o #2927, VOID
  - o #2928, \$2.99 – Eric Schmechel (icloud 200 GB Storage)
  - o #2929, \$20.00 – Jones SWCD (Soil Health Workshop)

17-35 Motion made by Ruden to approve the checks written. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- Spring Regional Commissioner Meeting to be held on March 14<sup>th</sup> 10-2, Arlington, IA. Ruden, Wilgenbusch, McCullough, & Weiss plan on attending.
- 2 CDI Scholarship applications were reviewed. It was noted that one was submitted to us incorrectly. Siefken will contact the SWCD of applicant's residence to see if they participate in the scholarship program.
- Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority updates were presented.

Personnel Updates:

- 2 travel requests were submitted by Eric Schmechel. \$525 estimated cost to attend WMA Legislative Day in Des Moines and IECA Stormwater Symposium meeting on March 7-8. \$410 estimated cost to attend the Iowa Water Conference on March 22-23.

17-36 Motion made by Ruden to approve the travel requests. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Updates:



