

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
April 11, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on April 11, 2022. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken, Zach Timm & Eric Schmechel; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jeff Schmitt, Ronald Lindblom, John Smith & Mike Freiburger; Assistant Commissioner: Dave Ruden; Guest: Bobby Kuennen – IDALS Field rep, Mel & Marlene Wilgenbusch, Ann McDonough and Don Knockel on Zoom.

Adopt Agenda: Being no additions of changes the agenda was approved as presented.

22-47 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker Bobby Kuennen – Bobby presented Colleen with the IDALS Employee of the Month award.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the March 14, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.

22-48 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '22** Account information:

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 0.00	Cost Share	\$ 23,078.00
REAPF/NG	\$ 0.00		

Cost Share Certification:

James Lynn, #91813, \$2,240.00 cost share

22-49 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Certification for payment. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreement:

James Lynn, #91813, 18.7 acres Timber Stand Improvement

22-50 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Maintenance Agreement. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

Request for Proposal to develop program to improve outreach/involvement/education of the public and our programs. Discussion was held – decided to continue further discussion in a work session next week. Date yet to be determined. **Send your available dates to Colleen – 4/20, 21, 25, 26.**

SWCS meeting in Denver, Co in July (7/30-8/3). Schmechel will be presenting. Other watershed staff may wish to attend. More information coming.

Discussion regarding regular work sessions with Eric. Don't know what the demand will be, perhaps quarterly, bi-monthly – can be changed depending upon need. Decided we will plan to schedule it for 1 hour before our regular monthly meeting. Watershed will remain an item on the Monthly Commissioner Meeting agenda and actions will be taken during the regular meeting.

Equipment need – new ipad for John as his old one will be given to intern to use. Hard hats & waders for water sampling.

22-51 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the supply purchases. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

22-52 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Request for Proposal. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance:

March Bank Statement & Treasurer reports were reviewed.

Payment of \$775 NACD Dues

Siefken noted that we need to change policy created last month to state Dave Ruden should be granted online access to the Dupaco accounts for the purpose of obtaining bank statements and transferring funds. Ruden has no signing authority.

22-53 Motion made by Smith to approve the March Treasurer Report. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

22-54 Motion made by Freiburger to change verbiage on Ruden's authorization. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

22-55 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the \$775 payment of the NACD dues. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

\$1,000 Father Norman White Memorial Scholarship: Reminder to review the scholarship applications and supply your choice for the winner to Colleen ASAP. **Reminder of criteria** - To qualify you need to be a Dubuque County High School graduate and attending (or planning to attend) the University of Dubuque, Loras College, Clarke University, Iowa State, University of Wisconsin – Platteville, or Northeast Iowa Community College – Peosta or Calmar campus and enrolling into an **Agricultural or Natural Resources related field.**

Correspondence Received:

General Election – 3 commissioner seats will be listed on the upcoming ballot. Wayne and Mike's terms will be expiring and Jack's appointment will be listed for the remainder of the term (2 years). Siefken has obtained the Nomination form (25 signatures needed) and Affidavit. Website has been updated with election forms.

CDI Connections Newsletter (March)

