

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
May 9, 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 May 9, 2022. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss & Colleen Siefken; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Ronald Lindblom, John Smith & Mike Freiburger.

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

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the April 11, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.

22-57 Motion made by Lindblom to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Freiburger. 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 Application:

William Siegert, #98722, BI Wetland Buffer \$200 ac., \$822 cost share
Carlton Busch, #98396, Grade Stabilization Structure, \$23,078.00 cost share

22-58 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the applications. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

Schmechel & Timm were not present. Request for Proposal to develop program to improve outreach/involvement/education of the public and our programs has been released. Lindblom mentioned contacts he has made with Linn, Winneshiek, Polk, & Blackhawk counties and their successful outreach efforts. Thought Polk county could provide some valuable input into our efforts.

SWCS meeting in Denver, Co in July (7/30-8/3). Schmechel will be presenting. Travel Request from Schmechel (\$2,449.00) and Timm (\$1,236.00) to attend. Wiley will not be attending.

Travel request from Schmechel to attend NRE Watershed Program in Green Bay to discuss program and strategies used here in Iowa.

22-59 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the travel requests. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance:

April Bank Statement & Treasurer reports were reviewed.

Payment of \$775 NACD Dues – Siefken has contacted NACD regarding uncashed check #3219, dated 4/11/22. They have no record. Siefken will verify with Ruden that check has still not been cashed and then reissue check.

22-60 Motion made by Smith to approve the April Treasurer Report. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

22-61 Motion made by Smith to re-issue the \$775 payment for the NACD dues. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

\$1,000 Father Norman White Memorial Scholarship: Winner is Carley Kintzle. Carley will be accepting her award at our August commissioners meeting.

Correspondence Received:

General Election – Mike and Wayne will be filing papers for the two 4-year terms. Jack will be filing papers for the 2-year term.

CDI Connections Newsletter (April)

April '22 Kozak Update

7:30 p.m. Jack Smith left.

Meeting Updates:

MRWMA – No updates received.

CCWMA – Will be funding a 5 acre residential native grass planting.

Personnel Updates:

NACD 5th round TA Grants – SWCD has applied, NACD will be discussing with IDALS this week regarding matching funds.

State Technician and NACD Conservation Recording Assistant have started. David Shimek of Dubuque is the new State Technician and Megan Kluesner of New Vienna is the NACD employee.

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

8 General CRP applications approved. About half way through the conservation plan development for the Continuous CRP applications.

Theresa will be conducting compliance status reviews in Delaware county this spring. DC's in surrounding counties will be rotating to neighboring counties to conduct status reviews.

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

22-62 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, May 9, 2022** at **6:30 p.m.** at the SWCD office, 210 Bierman Rd, Epworth, IA.

X Wayne Demmer 6/13/22
Chairperson Date

Colleen Siffers 5/10/22
Secretary Date

