MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING EPWORTH IA February 9, 2021

<u>Call Meeting to Order</u>: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Melvin Wilgenbusch at 12:33 p.m. on the ZOOM platform on February 9, 2021. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken, Eric Schmechel & Zach Timm; Commissioners: Melvin Wilgenbusch, Wayne Demmer, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger; Guest: Harley Pothoff, BOS.

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

21-19 Motion made by Demmer to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting</u>: Wilgenbusch called for a discussion of the January 4, 2021 meeting minutes.

21-20 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current FARMS '21 Account information:

Program	Bala	ince	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$	0.00	REAPF/NG	\$ 0.00
Cost Share	\$	0.00		

<u>Updating Cost Share Priorities/Average Costs</u>: Siefken provided 2018 – 2020 state cost shared cost information and surrounding counties average costs. Board proceeded to update their Cost Share Priorities.

Previously approved motion 18-134 will be changed to read: If a terrace system is removed from a field and landowner makes application for a waterway with the previously terraced area, cost share will be denied within the area and motion will be renumbered 21-22.

- 21-21 Motion made by Freiburger to update the Priorities/Average Costs as discussed. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- 21-22 Motion made by Schmitt to change wording to not allow cost share within area of removed terraces. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

1M/Finance:

- December & January Bank Statement & Treasurer's reports were reviewed.
- 1M Expense Voucher in the amount of \$380.23 was presented

- 21-23 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the December & January Treasurer Reports. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.
- 21-24 Motion made by Demmer to approve the 1M Expense Voucher. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

<u>District Annual Report</u>: Siefken presented the FY '20 Annual Report for review.

<u>21-25</u> Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Annual Report. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Partner Report for Oct-Dec 2020.
- NACD Grant #2 Time Extension with IDALS through June 30, 2021
- Isenhart Bill Riparian Buffer Ordinance
- Century/Heritage Farm Awards Program announced
- Slough Bill renewal applications were reviewed for:

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0	B ecker, Joyce	Open Prairie	1.04, 12.63
0	Borgwardt, Terry & Steele,	Julia	Open Prairie 5.42, 2.73
0	Corp of New Melleray (8)	Open Prairie	31.64, 7.36, 21.13,
			28.22, 3.81, 10.49
			7.72, 7.59
0	Celester Feldmann Trust	Forest Cover	5.62
0	Donahue, Rosalie	Wetland	2.71
0	Deutmeyer, Gerlad	Open Prairie	2.50
0	Flat Rock Forest Group, Inc.	Forest Cover (2)	18.64, 2.79
		Open Prairie	5.54
		River & Sreams	(3) 1.36, 2.19, 3.46
0	Fortman, David	Open Prairie	11.61
0	Hanten, Thomas William &	Dianne Marie	Open Prairie(3) 3.07, .95, 5.31
0	H azewinkel, Herbert Jr.	Open Prairie	4.32
0	Herzog, Kevin	Forest Cover	3.31
0	HR Holding LLC	Native Prairie	2.77
0	Idelkope, Daphne & Abigail	Open Prairie (2)	11.72, 10.63
0	Kennedy, Martin	Forest cover	6.58
0	Klaren, Wayne	Forest cover	7.95
0	Knipper, Michael & Mary	River & Stream	4.69
0	Leigh, Mary E Trust	Forest Cover (4)	10.96, .27, 11.73, 1.56
Maria	MIDCO AA. AL. I. LC		

- Next SWRCP Meeting planned for 2/16/21 at 6:00 p.m. through ZOOM.
- Farm Bill funding opportunity with CDI office will not participate at this time 21-26 Motion made by Demmer to approve the Slough bill renewals. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Updates:

Freiburger recently forwarded minutes to all from recent MRWMA. CCWMA recently funded 2 cost share projects. One urban stormwater project and a grade stabilization structure.

1:45 Wilgenbusch left the meeting. Demmer took over as Chair.

<u>Watershed Project Report</u>: Schmechel is now also processing the floodplain permits for the county. Schmechel presented update on Truterra program and participant interest. Discussed pros/cons for extending to multi year programs. Keep in mind goal to build relationships. How about farmers already doing a great job and not much potential to increase their scores? March we will discuss budget and outreach/education. Siefken mentioned need to create policy regarding office supplies/expenses and travel/training to alleviate going back and forth with emails for approvals of such. Siefken mentioned the following bills needing approval:

Office Supplies - \$372.93 max
Quarterly Co. Office Utilities - \$45.31
Safety Vests - \$127.59
ArcView Annual Basic Maintenance Fee - \$89.04
John Wiley – Advanced Construction Site Runoff Control - \$115 registration fee

21-27 Motion made by Schmitt to approve that above expenses. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Siefken presented a proposal for a POLICY to create for future Watershed personnel travel/training and supply requests.

21-28 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the POLICY. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Updates:

None

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

- General CRP has been extended indefinitely.
- Staff is working on EQIP/CSP ranking.

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions/Conservation Plans: 0 plans to be approved.

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

21-29 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at **6:00 p.m.** for the unforeseeable future on the ZOOM platform. **Note new meeting time**.

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