

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
October 10, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Jeff Schmitt at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on October 10, 2022. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken, Eric Schmechel; Commissioners: Jeff Schmitt, Jack Smith & Mike Freiburger; Assistant Commissioner: Dave Ruden, Guest: Megan Kluesner.

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

22-105 Motion was made by Freiburger to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Schmitt called for a discussion of the September 12, 2022 monthly meeting minutes. Dave Ruden was added as attending.

22-106 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '23** Account information (September balances as FARMS is currently down):

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 3,220.60	Cost Share	\$ 80,490.00
REAPF/NG	\$ 58.04		

Cost Share Application: None

Cost Share Amendment: None

Cost Share Certifications: None

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

Susan Hellert, #96416, 1 water & sediment control structure
Carlton Busch, #98396, 1 grade stabilization structure
Joshua Schmitt, #100918, 1.16 ac. Filter Strip \$200 CRP Sign-up
Jason Wolfe, #100141, 11.67 ac Filter Strip \$200 CRP Sign-up

22-107 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Maintenance Agreements. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

Conservation Agronomist – Board discussed that position needs to be refilled as soon as possible and not wait until it is determined how partners will utilize their part of \$90M of the Climate Smart funds. Our 28E ties us into maintaining a full-time conservation agronomist to service Dubuque County farmers.

Iowa Water Conference was held at the Grand River Center on September 27-29. Schmechel & Wiley were speakers and assisted on tours. Schmechel thought event was well attended and attendees enjoyed the Dubuqueland area.

County has been approved as a recipient of the DNR County Creek Sign Grant program. \$10,000 to be received with a \$5,000 county match.

Finance:

September Bank Statement & Treasurer reports were reviewed.

1M Travel Expenses for the quarter in the amount of \$589.06 were approved

\$1,329.39 Final NACD 2020 Fund Reimbursement received from IDALS.

22-108 Motion made by Smith to approve the September Treasurer Report and all bills listed on the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Freiburger abstained. Motion carried.

22-109 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Travel Expenses. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

September '22 Kozak Update

CDI Connections

Meeting Updates:

None

Personnel Updates:

Zach Timm has resigned. Colleen asked consideration of paying him for his remaining 7.17 hours of annual leave.

Megan will be on maternity leave October 21st through January 3rd.

22-110 Motion made by Freiburger to pay Zach for remaining annual leave balance. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

NRCS Updates:

Staff is working on EQIP & CSP applications.

Cover Crop field checks have begun.

Still struggling with lack of technical help.

1 Conservation Plan was signed.

General Discussion:

Waterway project recently completed and wondering if it is time to reevaluate our cost share rates for both 4" tile and waterway fabric. As FARMS has been down, we have been unable to process any cost share related paperwork. Would like to take a week to get comfortable with the new software and then call a special meeting of the board for a final decision on these two cost share items. We will then approve the cost share projects that have been certified complete to date.

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

22-111 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, November 14, 2022** at **6:30 p.m.** at the district office.

Wayne Wemmer 11/14/22
Chairperson Date

Colleen Stephens 10/12/22
Secretary Date

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October 19, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: A special meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 3:01 p.m. via Zoom October 19, 2022. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Ron Lindblom & Mike Freiburger; Assistant Commissioner: Dave Ruden.

Discussion was held regarding increasing our current cost factors for our cost estimates. 4" tile and erosion control blankets are our areas of concern.

22-111 Motion made by Lindblom to increase erosion control blanket cost estimates from \$1.50 per ft for 16' wide fabric to \$1.68 per ft. 8' wide fabric would go from \$0.75 per foot to \$0.84 per foot. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried.

Cost Share Application: Heather Haugen, #105403, REAPP, 26.5 ac Forest Stand Improvement, \$3,180 cost share.

22-112 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the cost share application. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried.

Cost Share Certifications: Ted Freiburger, #96932, \$1,720.87 cost share amt.

22-113 Motion made by Lindblom to approve the certification. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried.

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

22-114 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

Wayne Demmer 11/14/22
Chairperson Date

Colleen Siefken 10/20/22
Secretary Date