

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
 EPWORTH IA
 February 13, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 1:33 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on February 13, 2023. Those present included Staff: Bill Meyer (Acting DC), Sarah Kelchen (Acting CA), Eric Schmechel, Scott Hendricks; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jack Smith, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger; Assistant Commissioner: Dave Ruden; Dubuque County Supervisor, Harley Pothoff.

Adopt Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

23-14 Motion was made by Schmitt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the January 03, 2023 organization meeting, January 03, 2023 regular meeting and January 25, 2023 work session meetings minutes.

23-15 Motion made by Smith to approve the meeting minutes with penned correction to the next meeting date on the regular minutes from January 03, 2023. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '23** Account information:

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 0.00	Cost Share	\$2125.00
REAPF/NG	\$ 9982.04		

Cost Share Application:

None

Cost Share Cancellations: Board reviewed the following:

Practice Number	Name	Program	Practice	Amount	Action
104909	Tom Ryan	WQI	Cover Crop	\$1,500.00	cancel application
99918	Robert Zauche	WQI	Cover Crop	\$2,400.00	cancel application

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve cost share cancellations.

23-16 Motion made by Freiburger to approve cost share cancellations. Schmitt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Certifications & Maintenance Agreements: Board reviewed the following:

Applicant	Practice ID	Program	Practice	Total Cost Share	Approval Status
JPT Inc	104786	WQI	Cover Crop	\$2,400.00	Approve payment
Todd Then	101487	WQI	Cover Crop	\$3,750.00	Approve payment
Matthew Tobin	96711	Reap F/NG	Tree/Shrub Establish	\$9,803.40	Approve payment

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve cost share certifications & maintenance agreements.

23-17 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the above Certifications & Maintenance Agreements. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Plan

Ronald Weber

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve the Conservation Plan.

23-18 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Conservation Plan. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

- Semiannual 28E meeting March 29, 2023 4-6pm. Location still TBD.
- FY '24 Budget meeting with Board of Supervisors held on January 30th and went well.
- Part-time job position (Stormwater Management)
- Demmer still working on trying to get a date for a Legislative Day
- Truterra Lunch and Learn scheduled for March 1st, 11-1.
- March 8th Farmer to Farmer meeting in Cascade
- Potential for 5 field days around the area with big speakers

Field Day Sponsorship:

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve sponsoring a Field Day in September that Alycia Willenbring with NRCS is organizing.

23-19 Schmitt made a motion to approve sponsorship of a Field Day in September. Freiburger seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance:

- December TR & Bank Statement
- January TR & Bank Statement
- NACD dues - \$775.00
- Dyersville Commercial subscription - \$55.00
- Commissioner mileage - \$527.26

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve the December 31, 2022 and January 31, 2023 Treasurers Reports and bank statements.

23-20 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the December 31, 2022 and January 31, 2023 Treasurers Reports and bank statements. Schmitt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve the NACD and Dyersville Commercial bills.

23-21 Motion made by Freiburger to approve payment of the NACD and Dyersville Commercial bills. Schmitt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve Commissioner Mileage payments totaling \$527.26

23-22 Motion made by Freiburger to approve payment of Commissioner Mileage. Smith seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- CDI Spring Regional 3/7/23 @ Delaware County Fairgrounds \$23.00/per registration fee.

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve payment for CDI Regional registration fees.

23-23 Motion made by Freiburger to approve payment of 6 or 7 registration fees depending on who is attending. Schmitt seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

- CDI Scholarships due to SWCD 2/10/23 – SWCD received 4. Kelchen to email them to Commissioners for their ranking. Due to CDI by 3/17/23
- IDALS Summer Construction Memo
- Application for POL Designation
- January Connections
- February Talking Points from Susan Kozak and reports

Slough Bill

Demmer called for discussion of/or motion to approve Slough Bill applications

23-24 Motion made by Smith to approve 14 Slough Bill applications. Schmitt seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting Updates:

2/16/23 The video “Kiss the Ground” 6-8 pm will be shown at the Mines of Spain.

Personnel Updates:

- Megan Kluesner resignation. Will start advertising for that position.
- Luke Hirsch, new State Technician for Epworth introduced himself.

NRCS Updates:

Today is the 1st of Bill Meyers acting detail. Possibly 60-120 days. EQIP ranking was completed, but a few glitches so still awaiting to find out who was accepted. CSP ranking deadline is February 24, 2023. Will be starting CRP status reviews as the weather improves again.

General Discussion:

None

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

23-25 Motion made by Smith to adjourn. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 14 at 1:30 pm.** at the district office.

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date