

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
June 14, 2021

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 6:32 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District office, Epworth, IA on June 14, 2021. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken, & Zach Timm; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jeff Schmitt, Ron Lindblom & Mike Freiburger; On the phone: Eric Schmechel, Charles Isenhart.

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

21-53 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Charles Isenhart – Dubuque County Land & Water Legacy Proposal: Charles encouraged commissioners to support a new county bond referendum to raise up to \$40 million to invest in our land and water, environment, natural resources and outdoor recreation amenities. Many questions need to be answered before board will support the project. Lindblom will serve as a liaison between Chuck and the board

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the May 17, 2021 meeting minutes.

21-54 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '21** Account information:

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 0.00	REAPF/NG	\$ 0.00
Cost Share	\$ 1,569.78		

Cost Share Certifications: Demmer reviewed the following:

- Matthew Tobin, #81950, \$3,750.00 cost share
- Matthew Tobin, #81951, \$2,280.00 cost share
- Joshua Behnke, #90058, \$1,600.00 cost share
- Thomas Burlage, #90512, \$1,600.00 cost share
- David Rauen, #81608, \$2,250.00 cost share
- Clint Dietz, #90195, \$1,350.00 cost share
- Dan & Charles Arlen, #89950, \$1,600.00 cost share
- Lloyd Kennedy, #89933, \$800.00 cost share
- Jason Lehman, #84411, \$270.00 cost share
- Randy Pancratz, #90196, \$420.00 cost share

21-55 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the cost share certifications. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements: Demmer reviewed the following:

Randy Pancratz, #90196, 1.4 ac field border
Celester Feldmann, #88423, 5.4 ac forest stand improvement
Joseph Ertl Dec of Trust, #81571, 5 ac tree/shrub establishment
Joshua Behnke, #90058, 160 ac no-till
Thomas Burlage, #90512, 160 ac no-till
Jason Lehman, #84411, 27 ac no-till
Matthew Tobin, #81950, 5 ac tree/shrub establishment
Matthew Tobin, #81951, 19 ac forest stand improvement
Charles Arlen, #89950, 160 ac no-till
Clint Dietz, #90195, 135 ac no-till
Lloyd Kennedy, #89933, 80 ac no-till
David Rauen, #81608, 3 ac tree/shrub establishment

21-56 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Maintenance Agreements. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

1M/Finance:

- May Bank Statement & Treasurer reports were reviewed.
- Additional Bills (not listed on Treasurer's report) to be approved this meeting:
 - 3174 – Envision – table runner - \$75.00
 - 3175 – Eric Schmechel – 2TB icloud - \$9.99
 - 3176 – Andrew Gerend – Logo, Revision, billboard logo \$750 or \$1,000
 - 3177 – Maquoketa River WMA – water Sampling - \$270.00
 - 3178 – Eric Schmechel – hard drive/waders - \$112.98
 - 3179 – KDST – advertising Daly field day - \$20.00

21-57 Motion made by Lindblom to approve the May Treasurer Report and payment of additional bills. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried.

Correspondence Received:

- SWCD Funding of Nitrification Inhibitor – Commissioner discussed this WQI practice. Board does not support the practice of applying anhydrous in the fall.
- FARMS Audit – no reply from DSC
- CDI Connections Newsletter (May)
- CDI Resolutions – The 6 resolutions were discussed by the board.
- DSC 780 position – Siefken noted DSC is taking applications.

21-58 Motion made by Schmitt to not cost share on Nitrification Inhibitor through the WQI program. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried.

Watershed Project Report: Quotes were received for printing t-shirts & caps from Advance Design, Envision & Plane Art. Lowest cost for hats was through Advance Design at \$8.93 per hat and T-shirts through Plane Art. Commissioners requested funds not be spent on Koozies and Totes. Board overall was happy with products and prices. Siefken will talk to Schmechel about picking up a couple of hats for board to view.

Meeting Updates:

Freiburger asked that Lindblom take over as the SWCD liaison for the CCWMA. Siefken will notify Schmechel.

Personnel Updates:

Personnel Committee met last week to review watershed employee performance. Committee will meet again 6/15 to draft recommendations to the board.

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

- CRP has been opened back up. Lots of changes to the program.
- 1 CSP contracts were recently funded.
- New Soil Conservationist has started in Epworth.

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

21-59 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, **July 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** at the District office.

Wayne Demmer 7/12/21
 Chairperson Date

Colleen Siefken 6/16/21
 Secretary Date

