

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
MARCH 10, 2020

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Melvin Wilgenbusch at 1:03 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District office, Epworth, Iowa on March 10, 2020. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss & Colleen Siefken; Commissioners: Melvin Wilgenbusch, Wayne Demmer, Dave Ruden, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger.

Adopt Agenda: With the addition of NACD Dues & Pheasant Forever payments, the agenda was approved as presented:

20-25 Motion made by Demmer to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Training Video: None. Any ideas for future training send to Colleen and she will forward on. Freiburger mentioned something on figuring soil losses, but board felt that too detailed of an item for a training video.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Wilgenbusch called for a discussion of the February 11, 2020 meeting minutes.

20-26 Motion made by Ruden to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '20** Account information:

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 0.00	REAPF/NG	\$ 0.00
Cost Share	\$ 7,669.50		

Cost Share Applications:

IFIP

Jeffrey Schmitt, #82537, .8 ac waterways, \$2,370 cost share

REAP

None

SCI

Pfeiler Brothers Farm Inc., #82324, 9.2 acres SCI, \$920 cost share

20-27 Motion made by Demmer to approve the applications. Motion seconded by Ruden. Schmitt abstained from voting. Freiburger & Wilgenbusch voted aye.

Cost Share Amendments:

None

Cost Share Certifications:

None

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

None

1M/Finance:

- February Bank Statement & Quicken reports were available for review.
- February Treasurer's Report was reviewed.
- 1M Expense Report through 2/29/20 - \$240.34 in supplemental funds requested.
- \$775 NACD Dues & \$1,000 Pheasants Forever payments

20-28 Motion made by Ruden to approve the February Treasurer's & Quicken Reports. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

20-29 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the NACD Dues & Pheasant Forever payments. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- \$920 in Summer Construction Incentive Deposited into FARMS to fulfill the request for Pfeiler Brother Farms Inc.'s 9.2 acres of SCI.
- Soil Loss Amendment/Revision Process – was held prior to the start of this meeting.
- General Election paperwork is available for those wanting to run for office. Marissa Miller Waldo has taken out papers in addition to Wilgenbusch and Schmitt.
- IPERS Compliance Review – no date set yet for review.
- Scholarships – CDI & Father Norman White. Adam Schmitt has been chosen as the District's choice for the Regional judging of the CDI scholarship.
- Resolution Process – 2 ideas – 30' buffers on streams & universal payroll for all SWCD's (CDI provide?)
- Katherine Hannigan will be at the April Commissioners Meeting.
- 2020 Awards Program Information from DSC

75th Anniversary – Open house to be held on March 26th from 1-3 p.m. Invites and news releases have been sent. Displays (staff, commissioners, father norman white recipients, conservation practices) have been arranged. Requested banners have been received from DSC. Siefken asked for a refreshment donation for the event.

20-30 Motion made by Ruden to approve up to \$100 in refreshments for the event. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Updates:

- Schmechel reminds the board of the April 1st 1-3 p.m. meeting with the BOS at their new building on Seippel Rd. 3/23 – BOS Proclamation signing. 3/24 Meeting with Eric at Fire Training Center.
- Wilgenbusch and Demmer assisting with interview for replacement for NACD employee on 3/13 at 8:15 a.m.

Meeting Updates: Maquoketa River WMA meeting on March 31st.

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

- Meeting with City of Dubuque regarding conservation plan development on their rented agricultural land.
- Various program updates were mentioned.
- Resource Team update was provided.

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions/Conservation Plans: 6 plan(s) to be approved.

20-31 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the plans. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

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

20-32 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Office, Epworth, Iowa.

Melvin Wilgenbusch 4/7/20
Chairperson Date

Colleen Sufferen 3/12/20
Secretary Date

