

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

June 13, 2023

210 Bierman Road, Epworth, IA 52045-9529

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Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on May 16, 2023. Those present included Staff: Bill Meyer, Sarah Kelchen (Acting CA) & Eric Schmechel. Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Mike Freiburger, Jeff Schmitt, Jack Smith. Assistant Dave Ruden.

Adopt Agenda:

The agenda was approved as presented.

23-49 Motion was made by Smith to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting:

Demmer called for a discussion of the minutes from the regular meeting held May 16, 2023.

23-50 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held May 16, 2023. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary:

Current **FARMS '23** Account information:

REAP P \$3180.00

REAP F/NG \$10,078.64

Cost Share \$2125.00

Cost Share Application:

Applicant	Practice ID	Program	Practice	Estimated Total Cost	Total Cost Share	Approval Status
Kearney Brothers	106134	REAP F/NG	Site Prep for Natural Regen.	\$832.00	\$624.00	approved application

Demmer called for discussion of Farms cost share application.

23-51 Motion made by Schmitt to approve Farms cost share applications. Motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Cancellations:

None currently

Farms Cost Share Amendments:

None currently

Cost Share Certifications & Maintenance Agreements:

Applicant	Practice ID	Program	Practice	Total Cost Share	Approval Status
Corp. of New Melleray	98433	REAP P	Tree Planting	\$1,800.00	Approve payment
David Steiger	101801	WQI	No-Till	\$217.00	Approve payment

Demmer called for discussion of the Farms cost share certifications and maintenance agreements.

23-52 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Farms cost share certifications and maintenance agreements. Motion was seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

** Schmechel joined at 1:37 p.m.

Conservation Plan

None

(Board voted 6-13-22, motion #22-72 to not sign CRP Conservation Plans)

Finance:

- May TR, Bank Statement & bills.

Demmer called for discussion of the May TR, bank statement, bills listed.

23-53 Motion made by Smith to approve the May TR, bank statement, bills listed on the TR. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

- Discussed RCPP work session. Potential partnership with Sand Creek could be pursued. Still have more questions than answers, may wait to apply in 2024. Possible strategic planning session in August with City & County.
- Shirts have been ordered
- Field Day this coming Friday at Behnke's
- Catfish Creek along with MRWMA at New Melloray tour 6 p.m.
- Schmechel will work on a schedule for the Fair Booth.

Correspondence Received:

- WQI Program signup
- FY23 Recall – FY24 Allocation Memo
- CDI Connections
- CDI Scholarship appeal memo, add to the TR for approval in July
- CDI Resolutions – ballots due July 28th, will review in July

Meeting Updates:

No updates

Personnel Updates:

- No start date for new CA yet.
- Personnel reviews should be conducted in July

NRCS Updates:

Meyer gave an update on NRCS happenings. Working on CSP and EQIP contracts. CRP active, mostly working on re-enrolls.

**Meyer exited at 3:04 p.m.

Other Business:

- In July, we should review State Cost Share caps on practices
- Demmer going to try to get a Legislative Day set up

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

23-54 Motion made by Schmitt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be tentatively held on **Tuesday, June 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.** at the district office or via Zoom.

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date