

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
June 13, 2022

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on June 13, 2022. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken, Zack Timm & Eric Schmechel; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jeff Schmitt, John Smith & Mike Freiburger.

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

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the May 9, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.

22-63 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '22** Account information:

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

Cost Share Application:

Walter Kramer, #99326, 10.31 Ac BI CRP Filter Strip, \$2,062.00

22-64 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the applications. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Amendment:

John Ludescher, #91389, Extend completion date to 12/30/22

22-65 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the amendment. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Certifications:

Heather Haugen, #97129, \$1,875 cs amount
Donald Jecklin, #96975, \$625 cs amount
Tony Kluesner, #97452, \$367.30 cs amount
Charles Knepper, #92599, \$1,600 cs amount
Thomas Lucas, #90622, \$2,280 cs amount
Kevin Rahe, #97936, \$800 cs amount
William Siegert, #98722, \$822 cs amount

Peter Welling, #97680, \$128 cs amount
Brian Wolf, #99136, \$750 cs amount
Charles Westphal, #90625, \$3,000 cs amount

22-66 Motion made by Smith to approve the Certifications. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

William Siegert, #98722, 4.11 ac wetland restoration \$200 CRP Signup
Donald Jecklin, #96975, 25 ac contour stripcropping
Charles Westphal, #90625, 5 ac tree/shrub establishment
Peter Welling, #97680, .64 ac filter strip \$200 CRP Signup
Thomas Lucas, #90622, 3.8 ac tree shrub establishment
Heather Haugen, #97129, 21.5 ac forest stand improvement

22-67 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Maintenance Agreements. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

3 Request for Proposal applications have been received to develop program to improve outreach/involvement/education of the public and our programs. Board suggested a Zoom meeting be held with at least one applicant to see deliverables and answer further questions.

WFPO Grant – 30% milestone hit. JEO in town next week to discuss progress. Proposed to focus on the floodplain from John Deere to Gillespie hill.

Truterra – 23 renewals and 10 new, 1,800 additional acres over last year.

Carlton Busch grade stabilization structure received funding.

\$750 compaction tester Tpost purchase for field day at Brunsman's was approved over the phone. Demmer, Lindblom, Freiburger, Smith voted yes. Schmitt voted no.

Posts for watershed signs. Andrew Waldo found posts that can be doubled up and should be stronger to help support the signs. \$2 each and need to redrill holes in signs.

Field Days – Wednesday June 15th at Wayne Brunsman's. July 27th at Eric Miller's 1-3. Corn Grower's sponsoring lunch.

Dubuque Co BOS approved a \$579,000 contract with SILT.

Watershed employee reviews to be done in July.

22-68 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the watershed sign posts purchase. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance:

May Bank Statement & Treasurer reports were reviewed.

Regarding need to cancel lost NACD check #3219 for a \$25 fee. Siefken talked with NACD and they said they would flag the account to not cash the check if it was received. Commissioners felt no need to pay fee to cancel check. Felt if cashed we could contact NACD and request reimbursement based upon correspondence.

Permission letter for Siefken to access all payroll related entity websites for the purpose of printing confirmation of withholding tax payments.

22-69 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the May Treasurer Report. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

22-70 Motion made Freiburger to allow Siefken online access to withholding tax payments. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

CDI Resolutions: Board will vote on resolutions at July meeting.

NACD 2020 TA Grant Completion Date Amendment with IDALS: Extend completion date to June 30, 2023.

22-71 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the amendment. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

New Guidance Regarding Commissioner CRP Conservation Plan signing: New Guidance reviewed. Board voted to continue to not sign CRP Conservation Plans.

22-72 Motion made Schmitt to not sign CRP plans at Board meetings. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

\$1,000 Father Norman White Memorial Scholarship: Winner is Carley Kintzle. Carley will be accepting her award at our August commissioners meeting.

Correspondence Received:

WQI Program announced. 59 cover applications awaiting funding at this time. First time users will be funding by DSC first.

General Election – Mike and Wayne will be filing papers for the two 4-year terms. Jack will be filing papers for the 2-year term.

CDI Connections Newsletter (May)

May '22 Kozak Update

Meeting Updates: None

Personnel Updates:

780 Employee Application period open. SWCD will not be applying at this time.

Health Insurance Premiums for FY '23:

Employee Monthly Premium (7%)

Single - \$27.76

Family - \$132.06

County Monthly Premium (93%)

Single - \$743.50

Family - \$1,760.45

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

CRP Signup 57 & 58 planning is ongoing.

Theresa has completed compliance status reviews in Delaware county.

Letter to add Dubuque County to Neotropical Migratory SAFE Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

13 EQIP Conservation plans and 2 CSP plans to be signed.

22-73 Motion made by Freiburger to sign letter for Neotropical Migratory SAFE CRP designation. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

22-74 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, July 18, 2022** (1 week later than normal) at **6:30 p.m.** at a location to be announced.

Wayne Demmer 7/18/22 Colleen Juffen 6/16/22
Chairperson Date Secretary Date