

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
JUNE 9, 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 1:01 p.m. on a Teleconference Call on June 9, 2020. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss & Colleen Siefken; Commissioners: Melvin Wilgenbusch, Dave Ruden, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger.

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

20-48 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Wilgenbusch called for a discussion of the May 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

20-49 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 0.00	REAPP/NG	\$ 0.00
Cost Share	\$ 12,058.33		

Cost Share Applications:

IFIP

None

REAP

None

SCI

None

65 WQI Cover Crop applications have been mailed/emailed to producers and are in various stages of being returned to the office. These will need to await WQI funding by the State Legislator prior to being approved.

Cost Share Amendments:

None

Cost Share Certifications:

- Kathy Sweeney starts her new position with us on 6/15/20. Board reviewed her Benefits Package.

Personnel Updates:

- Freiburgger attended Maquoketa River WMA meeting on May 12th. Water sampling test results have been received. Mike will forward out to all board members. The MRWMA board discussed a request for funds for this years water sampling.
- Board of Supervisors have approved the most recent version of the 28E between the District, City of Dubuque and Dubuque County. Siefken forwarded to IDALS for Attorney General's comments. City of Dubuque needs to review.

Meeting Updates:

- No additional Supplemental 1M Funds allocation this year

Correspondence Received:

- May Bank Statement was emailed for commissioner review.
 - May Treasurer's Report was emailed for commissioner review.
- 20-52 Motion made by Ruden to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

1M/Finance:

- 20-51 Motion made by Freiburgger to approve the above Maintenance Agreements. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.
- Horstmann Family Farms, LLC #73981 14.9 ac Forest Stand Improvement
- Horstmann Family Farms, LLC #73977, 5 acre tree establishment
- Craig Heims, #81443, 3 acres tree/shrub establishment
- Gary Bergfeld, #82300, 160 ac no-till

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

- 20-50 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the above Certifications. Motion seconded by Freiburgger. Ruden abstained from voting. Motion carried.
- Gary Bergfeld, #82300, \$1,600
- Brian Dupont, #76368, \$1,600.00
- John Zewen, #76363, \$660.00
- Chad Heims, #78973, \$750.00
- Craig Heims, #78687, \$780.00
- Joe Jarding, #80720, \$320.00
- Horstmann Family Farms LLC, #73977, \$3,431.25
- Horstmann Family Farms, LLC, #73981, \$1,788.00

- Schmechel requested his iPhone watch be synced to his district phone. \$5-10 per month charged by Verizon for the syncing.

- Schmechel airline ticket reimbursement. As there was a credit issued for the ticket, Schmechel will see if there are any trips he can use the credit on prior to the end of the year. If not used, the District can reimburse him for the ticket price per Casey in Accounting.

20-53 Motion made by Freiburger to approve Sweeney's Benefit package. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

20-54 Motion made by Ruden to approve the Verizon monthly expense to sync Schmechel's iPhone watch with his iPhone. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

NRCS Updates: Weiss reported the following:

- Epworth NRCS/FSA office opened back up Phase 1 - 10 staff per side, socially distanced, no public allowed.
- EQIP - 20 contracts being signed. 2nd Ranking deadline June 25th.
- CSP deadline July 2nd.
- CRP contracts (approximately 100) to be completed for September commissioner meeting. Staff hasn't been able to work on CRP due to EQIP/CSP workload.

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions/Conservation Plans: None.

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

20-55 Motion made by Schmitt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Office, Epworth, Iowa.

Chairperson John E. ... 7/14/20
Date

Secretary William ... 6/10/20
Date