

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER  
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
 EPWORTH IA  
 January 3, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 1:28 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on January 3, 2023. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss, Colleen Siefken, Eric Schmechel, Scott Hendricks; Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jack Smith, Ron Lindblom, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger; Assistant Commissioner: Dave Ruden.

Adopt Agenda: With the addition of:

Maintenance Agreement

the agenda was approved as presented.

23-06 Motion was made by Lindblom to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the December 12, 2022 and December 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

23-07 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '23** Account information:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Balance</b>
REAPP	\$ 0.00	Cost Share	\$ 0.00
REAPF/NG	\$ 0.00		

Cost Share Application: Demmer reviewed the following:

None

Cost Share Certifications: Board reviewed the following:

Date Printed: January 3, 2023					
Waiting Board Certification Report					
Application Number	Program	Applicant	Practice	Eligible Cost	Cost Share Amount
100289	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	COOK, ALICE	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$6,000.00	\$1,800.00
100287	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	COOK, TODD	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00

99945	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	COOK, TONY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
99421	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	COOK, TRAVIS	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
99974	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	FARNEAR HOLSTEINS INC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$6,000.00	\$1,800.00
99951	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	FUNKE, BENJAMIN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$5,514.00	\$1,654.20
101940	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	HERMSEN, MARTIN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$7,000.00	\$2,100.00
97198	Cost Share	KALB, STEVEN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$3,750.00	\$1,875.00
104042	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	Krapfl, Christopher	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$2,570.00	\$1,285.00
105150	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	LEMKE, ANGELA	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$864.50	\$259.35
104161	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	LINK, DANIEL	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$1,600.00	\$480.00
100850	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	MEIER, BRADLEY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$4,500.00	\$1,350.00
100690	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	SCHMITT, JOSEPH	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$2,500.00	\$750.00
104429	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	THIER FARMS INC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
101721	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	TURNIS, ALAN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
100929	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	UNGS, PHILIP	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$2,450.00	\$735.00
100283	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	WILWERT, ANDREW	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$4,250.00	\$1,275.00
100295	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	WOLFE, JASON	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00
100779	Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	WOLFE, LORAS	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$6,300.00	\$1,890.00

23-08 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the above Certifications. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

Steven Kalb, #97198, 75 ac cover crops

23-09 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Maintenance Agreement. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

FY '24 Budget meeting with Board of Supervisors will be held on January 30<sup>th</sup> at approximately 1 p.m. Eric would like to do a work session meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. with the Commissioners at the County Office on Seippel Rd.

Truterra Lunch and Learn scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup>, 11-2.

Farmer Led Organized Group meeting – 1/12/23, 11:30 a.m. Eric Miller farm.

Finance:

December Bank Statement & Treasurer reports delayed due to early January meeting.

A bill was submitted for \$80 for flowers for the retirement of Siefken and Weiss.

23-10 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Florists bill. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

2023 Iowa Conservation Partnership Day – 1/11<sup>th</sup> - Demmer hopes to go.

'23 CDI Scholarship information has been provided to local high schools. February 10<sup>th</sup> submittal date.

CDI Connections

Meeting Updates:

None

Personnel Updates:

Jake Mihalakis resignation effective 12/16/22.

'23 IRS Mileage Reimbursement increased to \$0.655 per mile.

23-11 Motion made by Schmitt to increase mileage rate to watershed employees to \$0.655/mile. Motion seconded by Lindblom

NRCS Updates:

Review of Civil Rights Responsibilities & Expectations with Agency Partners was reviewed and signed by Board Members and DC

23-12 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Review. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

General Discussion:

**Retirement party for Colleen and Theresa will be held on January 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 1:00 at the SWCD office, Epworth.**

CA's position still not advertised. Technician's paperwork has been completed and in process of getting lincpass.

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

23-13 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at a meeting time to be decided** at the district office.

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Chairperson

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Date

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Secretary

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Date