

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
EPWORTH IA
December 12, 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 6:27 p.m. via Zoom and in person at the District office in Epworth, IA on December 12, 2022. 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: Being no additions or changes the agenda was approved as presented.

22-124 Motion was made by Schmitt to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest – Claire Carlson – SWRCP Update – Claire visited with Board regarding progress being made on the SWCD's SWRCP. She is very pleased with the level of activity in the District. Siefken mentioned that full credit needs to be given to Schmechel and the Watershed for all the activities they are carrying out within the Co. Claire will continue to check in quarterly to see if she can be of any assistance.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Demmer called for a discussion of the November 14, 2022 monthly meeting minutes.

22-125 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 40.60	Cost Share	\$ 91,737.00
REAPF/NG	\$ 58.04		

Cost Share Application: Demmer reviewed the following:

Mark Brimeyer, 160 acres no-till, #105885, Cost Share, \$3,200 estimate, \$1,600 cost share
Schwers Brothers LLC, grassed waterway, #106078, Cost Share, \$8,000 estimate, \$4,000 cost share
Schwers Brothers LLC, grassed waterway, #106079, Cost Share, \$6,000 estimate, \$3,000 cost share
Schwers Brothers LLC, grassed waterway, #106067, Cost Share, \$40,000 estimate, \$20,000 cost share
Matthew Casey, grassed waterway, #104797, Cost Share, \$30,000 estimate, \$15,000 cost share
Matthew Casey, grade stabilization structure, #104798, Cost Share, \$50,000 estimate, \$25,000 cost share

22-126 Motion made by Lindblom to approve the applications. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously. These applications are being approved prior to survey/design to hold onto cost share funds that we would have lost on December 30th. Cost share caps on grass waterways were waived for 2 of these practices.

Cost Share Amendment: None

Cost Share Certifications: Board reviewed the following:

Date Printed: December 12, 2022

Waiting Board Certification Report

District	Application Number	Program	Applicant	Practice	Primary Amount Installed	Primary Practice Units	Eligible Cost	Cost Share Amount
DUBUQUE SWCD	101431	WQI	Ambrosy, Marvin	Cover Crop - 1 Year	100	Acre(s)	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101914	WQI	BONERT AND KENNEDY FARMS, L.L.C.	Cover Crop - 1 Year	60	Acre(s)	\$3,000.00	\$900.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	105340	WQI	Breitbach, Michael	Cover Crop - 1 Year	30.5	Acre(s)	\$1,525.00	\$762.50
DUBUQUE SWCD	101651	WQI	Brimeyer, Richard	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100301	WQI	BURKLE ACRES INC.	Cover Crop - 1 Year	110.5	Acre(s)	\$5,525.00	\$1,657.50
DUBUQUE SWCD	105337	WQI	COOK, TERRENCE	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100773	WQI	COTA, TIMOTHY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	38.47	Acre(s)	\$1,923.50	\$577.05
DUBUQUE SWCD	100894	WQI	DALY, TIMOTHY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99693	WQI	DECKER, DANIEL	Cover Crop - 1 Year	27	Acre(s)	\$1,350.00	\$675.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99928	WQI	DECKER, JAMES	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100112	WQI	DECKER, ROBERT	Cover Crop - 1 Year	37.06	Acre(s)	\$1,853.00	\$555.90
DUBUQUE SWCD	104502	WQI	Donovan, Robert	Cover Crop - 1 Year	75	Acre(s)	\$3,750.00	\$1,875.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101845	WQI	DUPONT, JOSHUA	Cover Crop - 1 Year	16	Acre(s)	\$800.00	\$240.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101612	WQI	FREIBURGER, MARVIN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	60	Acre(s)	\$3,000.00	\$900.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101948	WQI	FREIBURGER, TED	Cover Crop - 1 Year	85	Acre(s)	\$4,250.00	\$1,275.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103419	WQI	GAUL, MARK	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	105320	WQI	GOEDKEN, RICHARD	Cover Crop - 1 Year	100	Acre(s)	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99189	WQI	HAMMERAND, JERRY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	32	Acre(s)	\$1,600.00	\$480.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	105437	WQI	HARDER, TERRY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	42	Acre(s)	\$2,100.00	\$630.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99619	WQI	HEIMS, DENNIS	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103234	WQI	Hoffmann, Karen	Cover Crop - 1 Year	105	Acre(s)	\$5,250.00	\$2,625.00

DUBUQUE SWCD	99190	WQI	HOSCH, KENNETH	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103519	WQI	KENNEDY, LLOYD	Cover Crop - 1 Year	90	Acre(s)	\$4,500.00	\$1,350.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101614	WQI	KLEIN, PATRICK	Cover Crop - 1 Year	38.12	Acre(s)	\$1,906.00	\$571.80
DUBUQUE SWCD	100622	WQI	KLUESNER, RYAN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	81	Acre(s)	\$4,050.00	\$1,215.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103679	WQI	Knapp, David	Cover Crop - 1 Year	34	Acre(s)	\$1,700.00	\$850.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	97197	Cost Share	KNIPPER, MICHAEL	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	104042	WQI	Krapfl, Christopher	Cover Crop - 1 Year	51.4	Acre(s)	\$2,570.00	\$771.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99923	WQI	KURT, Anthony	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99940	WQI	KURT, DAVID	Cover Crop - 1 Year	19.5	Acre(s)	\$975.00	\$292.50
DUBUQUE SWCD	99450	WQI	LANGEL, JAMES	Cover Crop - 1 Year	152	Acre(s)	\$7,600.00	\$2,280.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	105331	WQI	LINK, JONATHAN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	62	Acre(s)	\$3,100.00	\$930.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99188	WQI	LUCAS, ROBERT	Cover Crop - 1 Year	46	Acre(s)	\$2,300.00	\$690.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	91389	REAP P	LUDESCHER, JOHN	Forest Stand Improvement	14.3	Acre(s)	\$2,315.00	\$1,716.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	104345	WQI	LYNCH, TARA	Cover Crop - 1 Year	40	Acre(s)	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99977	WQI	PFEILER BROTHERS FARM, INC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	123	Acre(s)	\$6,150.00	\$1,845.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100294	WQI	PINS, PAUL	Cover Crop - 1 Year	30	Acre(s)	\$1,500.00	\$450.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101325	WQI	PITZ, KEVIN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	150	Acre(s)	\$7,500.00	\$2,250.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99401	WQI	RIES, ELMER	Cover Crop - 1 Year	136	Acre(s)	\$6,800.00	\$2,040.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	104583	WQI	R&R Cook Farms LLC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	85	Acre(s)	\$4,250.00	\$1,275.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101362	WQI	RINIKER, JUDITH	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101276	WQI	RINIKER, MATTHEW	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101275	WQI	RINIKER, RANDAL	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99957	WQI	ROLWES, DALE	Cover Crop - 1 Year	150	Acre(s)	\$7,500.00	\$2,250.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99936	WQI	SCHIELTZ, DAVID	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100282	WQI	SCHMITT, JEFFREY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103668	WQI	SCHUELLER, PETER	Cover Crop - 1 Year	98.54	Acre(s)	\$4,927.00	\$1,478.10
DUBUQUE SWCD	99192	WQI	SCHUSTER, DONALD	Cover Crop - 1 Year	8.5	Acre(s)	\$425.00	\$127.50

DUBUQUE SWCD	99445	WQI	SCHWERS BROTHERS LLC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	102571	WQI	SCHWERS, SPENCER	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100280	WQI	SMITH, JOHN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	104720	WQI	STEFFEN, TIMOTHY	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$4,000.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	99964	WQI	Takes, John	Cover Crop - 1 Year	33.27	Acre(s)	\$1,663.50	\$831.75
DUBUQUE SWCD	100347	WQI	THEN, MATTHEW	Cover Crop - 1 Year	60	Acre(s)	\$3,000.00	\$900.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100346	WQI	THEN, RONALD	Cover Crop - 1 Year	40	Acre(s)	\$2,000.00	\$600.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101722	WQI	TURNIS, DAVID	Cover Crop - 1 Year	160	Acre(s)	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	101164	WQI	VASKE, JAMES	Cover Crop - 1 Year	28	Acre(s)	\$1,400.00	\$420.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103745	WQI	WEBER, RONALD	Cover Crop - 1 Year	80	Acre(s)	\$4,000.00	\$1,200.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	103194	WQI	WILLE, GREGORY E	Cover Crop - 1 Year	95	Acre(s)	\$4,750.00	\$1,425.00
DUBUQUE SWCD	100108	WQI	WILLE, KENNETH	Cover Crop - 1 Year	120	Acre(s)	\$6,000.00	\$1,800.00

22-127 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the above Certifications. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Schmitt abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

Michael Knipper, #97197, 160 ac cover crops – 1 yr
 John Ludescher, #91389, 14.3 ac Forest Stand Improvement

22-128 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the Maintenance Agreement. Motion seconded by Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Watershed Project Update:

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

Truterra Lunch and Learn scheduled for March 1st.

Potential to utilize some Smart Commodity grants through Truterra & SWOF.

Could full-time water sampling be done in areas of concern?

New Conservation Agronomist Scott Hendricks has started.

Finance:

November Bank Statement & Treasurer reports were reviewed.

Siefken noted that the District approved Policy (19-51) stating retirement cake & non-alcoholic beverages shall not exceed \$200.00. Schmitt noted we would be having 2 retirements so we should be able to double that amount. Siefken noted that we would keep expenses to a minimum.

22-129 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the November Treasurer Report, Bank Statement and all bills listed on the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Lindblom. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

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

Election – Abstract of Votes/Oath of Office – Freiburger & Demmer signed their Oath of Office forms.

State Technician Update – Position has been offered and background paperwork is being completed.

November '22 Kozak Update

CDI Connections

Meeting Updates:

None

Personnel Updates:

Scott Hendricks started as the new Conservation Agronomist on December 1st.

NRCS Updates:

2 CSP renewal applications were accepted.

Cover Crop field checks continue.

Struggling with lack of technical help.

General Discussion:

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

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

22-130 Motion made by Schmitt to adjourn. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 3, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** at the district office.

Wayne Demmer 1-3-23
Chairperson Date

Colleen Siefken 12/13/22
Secretary Date