

DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER

SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, December 30, 2024

210 Bierman Road, Epworth IA

**Call Meeting to Order:** The special session meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer at 10:36 am in a teleconference meeting. Those participating by phone included Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jack Smith and Dennis Rauen. Commissioner Mike Freiburger and Helen Backes, CA attended the meeting in person at the Dubuque SWCD office in Epworth.

**Adopt Agenda:**

Demmer called for a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of NACD TA Grant personnel.

**24-144** Motion was made by Smith to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

**FARMS Program Summary:**

State Cost Share IFIP – **Cost Share \$4,759**

Payment for Dan West 412 Grassed Waterway was put on hold due to clarification of bills that were submitted for the project.

Chris Vogel submitted a request to cancel his application for 410 Grade Stabilization Structure. His cancellation would increase the District's cost share funds by \$17,000 for a total of \$21,759. Demmer asked for a motion to approve Vogel's request to cancel his application.

**24-145** Motion made by Rauen to approve Vogel's request to cancel his application. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on the application for Rick Kluesner for a 2.7-acre 412 Grassed Waterway project. Total cost of the project is \$11,900 with cost share (50 %) of \$5,950. Demmer called for a motion to approve the application for Kluesner 412 Grassed Waterway.

**24-146** Motion made by Smith to approve the application for Kluesner 412 Grassed Waterway. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held regarding Kevin Pitz's application for 410 Grade Stabilization. Total cost for the project is \$53,000 with cost share (50%) is \$26,500. Partial funding is currently available for the project. Supplemental funding would be requested from the State to cover the cost share amount. Demmer called for a motion to approve the application for Pitz's 410 Grade Stabilization Structure.

**24-147** Motion made by Freiburger to approve the application for Pitz's 410 Grade Stabilization Structure for \$26,500. Motion seconded by Rauen. Motion carried unanimously.

**Other:**

Discussion was held on the opportunity to show the movie "Common Ground" in Dubuque County. A \$300 licensing fee is required to show the movie. The first showing will be held at the Mississippi River Museum. Demmer called for a motion to approve payment for the licensing fee for the movie "Common Ground."

**24-148** Motion made by Freiburger to approve the payment for licensing fee. Motion seconded by Rauen. Motion carried unanimously.

A brief discussion was held on the NACD employee and current pay rate. It was decided to table the discussion until after the organizational meeting.

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

**24-149** Motion made by Rauen to adjourn. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

The organizational meeting to be held on **Thursday January 2, at 9:00 am** at the district office in Epworth.

Wayne Demmer 1/23/25  
Chairperson Date

Helen Backes 1-23-25  
Secretary Date