DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday July 31, 2025
Dubuque SWCD District Office
210 Bierman Road, Epworth, Iowa 52045

Call Meeting to Order: The special meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District was called to order by Chairperson Wayne Demmer on Thursday, July 31 at 9:02 pm at the District office, through Zoom and by conference call. Those attending in person were Commissioners Mike Freiburger, Helen Backes, CA. Those attending Zoom include Chairperson Wayne Demmer, Commissioner Ken Behnke, and Watershed Director Eric Schmechel. Those attending by conference call were Commissioners Dennis Rauen and Jeff Schmitt.

Adopt Agenda:
Demmer entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
25-133 Motion was made by Behnke to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Cell Phone Update:

A brief discussion was held on the merger between T-Mobile and US Cellular. Schmechel presented information on a new account with T-Mobile. The Watershed staff will receive new phones and port their current numbers to the new phones. The District will keep the old phones for back up. The District will buy out the current phones from US Cellular. T-Mobile will give the District credit for the buyout on their bill. A cell phone policy will be developed for the District. Demmer will need to sign the contract for the new carrier.

Demmer entertained a motion to approve switching cell phone carriers from US Cellular to T-Mobile.
25-134 Motion made by Freiburger to approve switching cell phone carriers from US Cellular to T-Mobile. Motion seconded by Behnke. Motion carried unanimously.

Finance:

Backes presented with information regarding high yield interest account for the District. Demmer and Backes visited both Midwest One and Fidelity Bank & Trust. After reviewing the information, the Commissioners decided to move forward with switching the District bank accounts from Dupaco to Fidelity Bank & Trust, to earn interest on their accounts.

Demmer entertained a motion to approve moving the District financial accounts to Fidelity Bank & Trust.
25-135 Motion made by Behnke to approve moving the District financial accounts to Fidelity Bank & Trust. The motion was seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Demmer entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
25-136 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Behnke. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 am.

The next regular meeting will be ***Wednesday, August 20*** at 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Engineering Office Conference Room, This will be a working lunch meeting.

Wayne Demmer 8/20/25 — Chairperson — Date
Helen Backes 8-20-25 — Secretary — Date