

**DUBUQUE SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER  
SPECIAL MEETING  
June 27, 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 9:04 am in a teleconference meeting. Those participating by the phone call included Commissioners: Wayne Demmer, Jeff Schmitt & Jack Smith. Commissioner Mike Freiburger and Staff Helen Backes attended the meeting in person at the Dubuque SWCD office in Epworth.

**Adopt Agenda:**

The agenda was approved as presented. Demmer requested a motion to approve the agenda.

**24-74** Motion was made by Freiburger to approve the agenda as is. Motion was seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments:** No public comments were observed.

**FARMS Program Summary:**

Current **FARMS '24** Account information: REAP P \$916.62 REAP F/NG \$196.15 Cost Share \$16,802.14

**IFIP Application:**

Applicant	Practice ID	Program	Practice	Est Total Cost / Total Cost Share	Approval Status
Hannan Benjamin	117733	IFIP	Waterway	\$26,000 / \$13,000	Approve Application

Demmer called for a motion to approve Hannan IFIP Waterway Application.

**24-75** Motion was made by Freiburger to approve the Waterway Application for Hannan. Motion seconded by Smith Motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business:**

- ✓ Discussion by attendees on filling the open commissioner position. CA Backes stated that at recent IDALS meeting, the State no longer requires a submission of a potential Commissioner for State approval when a current Commissioner resigns before their term ends. Jack Smith recommended Dennis Rauen as an interim Commissioner. Discussion was held amongst the commissioners. Demmer called for a motion to approve Dennis Rauen as the interim Commissioner to replace Ron Lindbloom for the remainder of Lindbloom's term.  
**24-76** Motion was made by Freiburger to approve Dennis Rauen as the Interim Commissioner, to replace Ron-Lindbloom for the rest of Lindbloom's term. Motion was seconded by Jack Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

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

**24-77** Motion made by Smith to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.

The next meeting tentatively to be held on **Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.** at the district office in Epworth.

Wayne Demmer 7/23/24  
Chairperson Date

Helen Backes 7-23-24  
Secretary Date