

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
INDEPENDENCE, IA  
Tuesday, October 22, 2019  
At  
USDA Office - NRCS, Independence, IA  
7:30 a.m.**

Those present were:

**Commissioners**

Doug Kaiser  
Becky Lindsay  
Phil Short

**Staff & Others**

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant  
Tyler Durre, Soil Conservationist  
Gabe Garbarino, DC – Delaware County  
Dave Mack, Soil Conservationist – Delaware County

## **Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Kaiser at 7:40 a.m.

**Adopt Agenda**

Kaiser called to adopt the agenda.

**20-16 Motion** by Lindsay to approve the agenda. Seconded by Short. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

Kaiser called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the September 24, 2019 meeting.

**20-17 Motion** by Lindsay to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Short. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer's Report for September 2019 – Althaus went through the report, in discussion with the commissioners, the numbers are correct but on the final report it is off. Lindsay and Althaus discussed it and they are going to get it taken care of. Althaus stated that she would contact Dan Hawkins to get it straightened out. Old way is right on the money.

**20-18 Motion** by Short approve the September 2019 Treasurer's Report with corrections. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried

**Report - Wapsi River Management Authority Coordinator –**

- Reminder of UWRMA Meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. – Location to be announced.
- RC & D has officially taken over the coordinator program. The last water samples were taken in on October 15, 2019. They have all the equipment now. The only thing that is left in Angie's office the desk that we got from Buchanan County Health Dept.

**Middle Cedar River Watershed – NA**

### **Pheasants Forever – Allie Rath**

- Rath reported that this position opened up in this area, and she started on October 7<sup>th</sup>. She is based out of Vinton.
- She went over her quarterly report in her old territory.
- Linn County and Buchanan County SWCD meetings on the same day, so she will do her best to make both of them.
- Pheasants Forever are currently working with NRCS on the new partnership agreement, it is not completed yet.
- Rath will be assisting with the General CRP sign up sometime in December.

### **District Conservationist Report – Gabe Garbarino, DC & Dave Mack, SC – Acting from Delaware County**

- Gabe explained that Dave will be here more than him and if the commissioners have any questions to please contact him or Dave.
- Mack stated that it sounds like that they will be advertising for the DC position sooner than later.
- Mack explained that he will be here on Tuesday's. But we all have his information to contact him, if needed. Julie will send out Gabe and Dave's contact information.
- The General CRP sign up is in December.
- We will be working on the CRP re-enrollments to get those done and out of the way.
- Mack stated that there is a Delay on the EQIP program, deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **780 Hr. Technician – DSCWQ**

- Althaus reported that we have received the Qtrly. billing for our 780 Hr. employee, the districts 20% reimbursement to DSCWQ is the amount of \$263.45.

**20-19 Motion** by Short to approve the reimbursement amount \$263.45 to DSCWQ for the 780 Hr. position. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

### **National Association of Conservation Districts – Dues \$775.00**

- Althaus stated that we receive half of this amount in our commissioners' expenses allocation. We have paid them \$775.00 consistently.

**20-20 Motion** by Lindsay to approve the payment of \$775.00 to NACD for yearly dues. Seconded by Short. Motion carried.

### **Commissioners Expense – Additional \$750.00**

- Althaus made the commissioners aware that we received a memo that each district received an additional \$750.00 to put towards their expenses.

### **Soil Loss Hearing 2020 – December/January**

- Need to set the date for this, it is done like every 5 years. It has been awhile since we have done this. Althaus will present the previous information to the commissioners at the November meeting. The commissioners decided on January.

### **Conservation Plans – 6**

**Cost Share Approval –**

Alber, Nathan	Windbreak	0.32 ac.	Est. Amt. \$933.43	CS Amt. \$700.07
Rasmussen, Larry	Grade Stabilization	1,200 ft.	Est. Amt. \$10,235.50	CS Amt. \$5,117.75
Wulfekuhle, Alan	Waterway	1.0 ac	Est. Amt. \$6,132.50	CS Amt. \$3,066.25

**Completed Cost Share –** None at this time

**Bills for October 2019**

Employee Account – Veridian Credit Union

Angie Auel	\$ 856.90	pd chk #2575 – 10/11/2019
Fed Payment	\$1,010.64	pd EFT on 10/15/2019 – Confirmation #270-9688-3508-0836
IPERS Payment	\$ 701.80	pd EFT on 10/15/19 – Confirmation #120818929
IA Dept. of Ag.	\$ 263.45	pd chk #2576 – 10/22/2019 – 780 Hr. 20% for 7/1 – 9/30/19
Treasurer, St. of IA	<u>\$3,366.00</u>	pd chk #2577 – 10/22/2019 – Reimbursement Farm Bill XIV

Total \$6,198.79

Revolving Account – NSB (Northeast Security Bank)

CDI Dues	\$850.00	pd chk #4466 Dues	9/30/19
Indy Light & Power	\$ 69.95	pd chk #4467 UWRMA-Internet/Phone	10/22/19
US Cellular	\$ 60.67	pd chk #4468 UWRMA-Internet/Phone	10/22/19
Angie Auel	\$119.48	pd chk #4469 UWRMA-Travel/Training	10/22.19
NACD	<u>\$775.00</u>	pd chk #4470 Dues	10/24/19

Total \$1,455.25

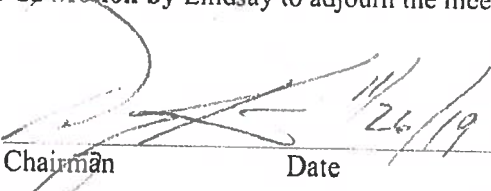
**20-21 Motion** by Lindsay to approve Conservation Plans, Cost Share Approval, and bills for October 2019. Seconded by Short. Motion carried.

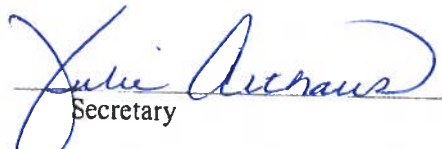
**Other Items –**

Next Meeting will be on November 26th at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Building. Depending on weather, with the late harvest.

Adjourned @ 8:28 a.m.

**20-22 Motion** by Lindsay to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Short. Motion carried.

  
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 Chairman                      Date    11/26/19

  
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 Secretary                      Date    11-26-19