

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, May 24, 2022
10:00 a.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Doug Kaiser - arrived at 10:40 a.m.
Becky Lindsay
Bob Muchmore
Sean Dolan
Dick Sloan – Assistant Commissioner

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant
Bill Meyer, District Conservationist
Tori Nimrod, NE IA RC & D
Claire Carlson

The meeting was called to order by Lindsay at 10:01 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Lindsay called to adopt the agenda.

22-60 Motion by Muchmore to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Lindsay called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the March 22, 2022, meeting.

22-61 Motion by Dolan to approve the minutes of March 22, 2022. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for March 2022 was given. In looking everything over and our commissioner, Becky Lindsay. We need to do a follow up to find out why we are 142.00 off.

22-62 Motion by Muchmore to wait for approval until correction is made and need to follow up with Cindy. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Althaus stated that we could not approve the April 2022 TR until the necessary corrections were made

22-63 Motion by Dolan to wait to approve until necessary correction of \$142.00 taken care. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Wapsi River Management Authority – Tori Nimrod

Tori gave her report as follows:

- UWMA Tour scheduled for June 3, 2022, from 8:30 to 12:30, will be meeting at Cedar Rock and meeting back at Cedar Rock.
- Registration needs to be completed, those that will be attending will be Sean Dolan and Bob Muchmore.
- Meal – Althaus stated that she contacted the Buchanan County Pork Producers, and they will be able to grill. Althaus asked if the commissioners were willing to help with the meal expenses such as: condiments; plates: napkins; and buns. NE RC & D would provide the drinks.

22-64 Motion by Dolan to pay for the additional meal expenses. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Middle Cedar River Watershed –

Meeting was on April 21st, they are currently crop scouting and getting organized. There are a lot of little towns that have made the commitment to this project. It also helps that the City of Cedar Rapids is committed.

Althaus stated that she would email out Clark Porter's last email.

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie Rath

Nothing currently

District Conservationist Report –Bill Meyer – DC

Meyer reported as follows:

- CRP – Processing Applications & Plans; Working on Sign Ups, along with re-enrolls.
- EQIP – just completed the last one for this time around.
- CSP – We have 3 renewals for this year.
- Email from Denise Schwab/ISU Ext. - Meyer explained to the commissioners that Denise would like to do a 5-part series regarding pasture training. He asked the commissioners for ideas on who to ask for each category and they were as follows:
 1. Basic Forage management
 2. Weed and Brush Management
 3. Fencing
 4. Watering Systems
 5. Winter Feeding & Grazing

Names that were suggested, Craig Allen; Kyle Kehrli; Mike Bretz; Scott Frye; it was also suggested to contact the Buchanan County Cattlemen for ideas also.

NACD Grant Position –

Althaus asked about this position, do the commissioners want her to reach out again for this position. Kaiser asked if she had reached out to the placement offices. Althaus stated that she was unaware that she could do that, but she would. It was also suggested to advertise again and to check out the costs for the Farm Bureau Spokesman and Iowa Farmer Today.

22-65 Motion by Lindsay to advertise locally again. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Tree Sale – Althaus stated that she will have a summary report at the June meeting.

2022 Scholarship Awards Night –

- Jesup Dollars for Scholars Awards Night – Recipient – Peter Thoma – Attended by Bob Muchmore
- East Buchanan Funds for the Future Awards Night – Recipient – Kirby Cook
- Independence Dollars for Scholars Awards Night – Recipient – Sydney Graham – Attended by Bob Muchmore
- North Linn Scholarship Awards Night – Recipient – Gus Joyce –

Althaus stated that Jesup, East Buchanan, Independence had checks cut for \$525.00, North Linn recipient will be paid after the grades are submitted by the recipient.

Conservation Plans – 12

Cost Share Approval –

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| Gissel Farms LTD | Buffer Initiative on 5.76 acres | \$288.00 |
| Brent Shannon | Buffer Initiative on 8.80 acres | \$1,760.00 |
| Brent Shannon | Buffer Initiative on 19.77 acres | \$3,654.00 |
| Gary Cook | Buffer Initiative on 1.53 acres | \$76.50 |
| Gary Cook | Buffer Initiative on 1.57 acres | \$78.50 |
| Bonnie Cook | Buffer Initiative on 4.73 acres | \$236.50 |

Completed Cost Share (CS) –

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| Ty Vande Haar | Windbreak | Est Cost \$1,600.00 | Actual Reimbursement \$267.19 |
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Bills for April 2022

Revolving Account – NSB (Northern Security Bank)

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| Ty Vandehaar | 04/14/22 | \$107.00 | Chk#4649 | Refund on Trees |
| Jesup Dollars for Scholars | 04/20/22 | \$525.00 | Chk#4650 | 2022 Scholarship |
| EB Funds for the Future | 04/20/22 | \$525.00 | Chk#4651 | 2022 Scholarship |
| Indep Dollars for Scholars | 04/20/22 | \$525.00 | Chk#4652 | 2022 Scholarship |
| Dave Lynch | 04/26/22 | \$133.75 | Chk#4653 | Refund on Trees |
| Julie Althaus | 04/26/22 | \$ 28.00 | Chk#4654 | Postage and Recording Fee |
| Alpha Nurseries | 04/26/22 | \$3,070.00 | Chk#4656 | Trees |
| The News & The Guide | 04/26/22 | <u>\$58.50</u> | Chk#4657 | Tree Sale/Advertising |
| | | Total | \$4,972.25 | |

Bills for May 2022

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| John Deere Financial | 05/24/22 | \$ 27.96 | Chk#4658 | Tree Sale Supplies |
| Schumacher’s Tree Nursery | 05/24/22 | <u>\$6,178.97</u> | Chk#4659 | Trees |
| | | Total | \$6,206.93 | |

22-66 Motion by Dolan to approve Conservation Plans, Cost Share Approval, Completed Cost Share, Bills for April and Bills for May. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Other Items:

*Claire Carlson – CDI – 5 Year Planning

She wanted to follow up to make sure that we are working with our 5-year plan. She went over it with the commissioners, and it appears that the commissioners are getting it done after reviewing it.

*780 Hr. Position – Althaus stated that she just received the 780-hour application for FY2023, and Jim is interested in doing it again. She would like their approval for the position.

22-67 Motion by Dolan to approve the application for the 780 Hour Position and to complete the application. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

*Fair – Althaus asked the commissioners if they were interested in doing the Watermelon Feed again at the Buchanan County Fair? It was discussed and have Griffin do his display and get some outreach items.
22-68 Motion by Dolan to approve the Watermelon Feed and Outreach by Griffin. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Regular Commissioner’s Meeting – **June 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Field Office**

Adjourned @ 11:29 a.m. Moved Dolan 2nd Muchmore.