

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, June 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Bob Muchmore

Sean Dolan

Tim Halligan

Dick Sloan – Assistant Commissioner

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant

Bill Meyer, District Conservationist

Tori Nimrod, NE IA RC & D

Ross Evelsizer, NE IA RC & D

Jennifer Fencl, Middle Cedar Watershed Management

Nick Fratzke, INRCOG

Shane Wulf, IDALS – Water Resources Bureau

Sarah Smith – IDALS

The meeting was called to order by Muchmore at 10:11 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Muchmore called to adopt the agenda.

22-70 Motion by Dolan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Muchmore called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the May 24, 2022, meeting.

22-71 Motion by Dolan to approve the minutes of May 24, 2022. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Guests

Shane Wulf – IDALS – Water Resources Bureau and Sarah Smith -IDALS

Shane will be working on Wetlands. Infrastructure projects Conservation Reserve Enhancement Programs, He can do projects outside with these additional funds. He works with Nutrient Management projects. The question was asked about easements, and the SWCD has the authority to hold the easements, 30 years, or perpetual – if it involves multiple landowners, RCPP & State get these done. He gave examples of standard easements.

Abstract Easements are signed & recorded. Holding the conservation easement. Shane passed a map around of Dick Sloan's project. Shive Hattery is an engineering group. This will also include soil sampling and they have done the preliminaries.

Treasurer's Report

- A. Discussed the Corrected April 2022 Treasurer's Report – Julie had Cindy Davis from accounting help her and there was a formula incorrect, and she voided 2 checks that were made out to the Recorder each made out in the amount of \$7.00.

22-72 Motion by Dolan to approve the corrected treasurer's report. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

B. Althaus went over the May 2022 Treasurer's Report – She did explain that she is still waiting for Cindy to get the tree sale set up, so that it is in the report.

22-73 Motion by Halligan to approve the May 2022 treasurer's report. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Wapsi River Management Authority – Tori Nimrod/Ross Evelsizer

Tori gave her report as follows:

- Review of Meeting on June 3rd at Cedar Rock with tour – there were 31 attendees; lots of good conversations; utilized Hawkeye Stage Bus; stopped at 10 projects; discussed the project engineers; the on the road structures were a big hit!

Tori handed out a packet and explained that the project will be coming to an end on June 30, 2022.

They are still going to continue with the project, and she is hoping to get a virtual tour will be put together on the more private projects.

Middle Cedar River Watershed – Jennifer Fencil/Nick Fratzke

Jennifer stated that the projects are all done. The wetland project south of Vinton has taken off, everyone is happy with it. They had a tour, did hand outs and plan, with priority area. In the plan, it was reviewed source water, especially regarding communities.

Jennifer mentioned that she has had a heck of a time in getting a quorum for their meetings. The Middle Cedar is a state priority watershed, that is investing in technical assistance.

Another project, that was discussed was Edge of Fields practices. The DNR has a watershed sign program. Jennifer will email out the pictures. Keeping the WMA organized. Ross stated that when we see our legislators to make sure to say thank you with their assistance. It was pointed out that it is hard to keep watershed coordinators. DNR is trying to fund some coordinators. American Rescue Program, has played and roll in things.

Nick Fratzke/InnerCog explained that he is helping and partnering where the money is.

District Conservationist Report – Bill Meyer – DC

Meyer reported as follows:

- CRP – have been working on the 4 yr renewals for CRP and developing plans
- CSP – We have 3 renewals for this year, which they are planning on renewing
- Buchanan County Fair is next week (4-H Bldg & Thom)

NACD Grant Position –

Althaus explained that we have received documents to sign, it is an Amendment for the extension of grant monies for TA2020 and TA2021.

22-74 Motion by Dolan to approve the amendment for the extension for it the grant monies for TA2020 and TA2021. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

2022 SWCS Election Ballot – due by July 13

Commissioners up for Election – 2022

Althaus went over with the commissioners on who was up for election this year, they would need to get their paperwork completed by August. Those up for election are Tim Halligan and Robert Muchmore.

Review of Bylaw Changes from CDI – these are being mailed out

Tree Sale Report – Althaus went over the tree Sale Report for 2022

Conservation Plans – 35

Cost Share Approval –

Agri Acres	Buffer Initiative	\$200.00	6.28 Acres	\$1,256.00
Agri Acres	Buffer Initiative	\$200.00	8.35 Acres	\$1,670.00
Douglas Sage	Buffer Initiative	\$200.00	9.02 Acres	\$1,804.00
Brandi Fox	West Windbreak	Est. \$1,531.75		CS \$1,148.81
Brandi Fox	North Windbreak	Est. \$1,308.68		CS \$1,035.51

3rd Quarter 1M Expenses

Becky Lindsay	\$37.44	Chk#4664	Milage
Doug Kaiser	\$31.59	Chk#4665	Milage
Robert Muchmore	\$32.76	Chk#4666	Milage
Tim Halligan	\$42.12	Chk#4667	Milage
Sean Dolan	\$106.16	Chk#4668	Milage
Richard Sloan	<u>\$0.00</u>		
Total	\$250.07		

Office Expense – Postage, Dues & Meetings \$1,897.60

Bills for June 2022

Revolving Account – NSB (Northern Security Bank)

NE IA RC & D	<u>\$600.00</u>	Chk#4669	FY23 UWR Coordination Partnership
Total	\$600.00		

22-75 Motion by Dolan to approve the Conservation Plans; Cost Share Approval; 3rd Quarter 1M Expense; and Bills for June 2022. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Other Items:

Althaus asked the commissioners about doing a donation to the Buchanan County Pork Producers for their help for the UWMA Tour.

22-76 Motion by Dolan to give the Buchanan County Pork Producers \$100.00 donation for their help. Seconded by Tim Halligan. Motion carried.

Althaus reminded the commissioners that she will be on leave from July 1, through July 11th.

Regular Commissioner's Meeting – **July 26, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Field Office**

22-77 Motion by Dolan to adjourn. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 11:30 a.m.

Bucky Lindsay 8-23-22
Chairman - Co Date

Julie Althaus 8/23/22
Secretary Date