

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, August 23, 2022
5:00 p.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Bob Muchmore
Sean Dolan
Becky Lindsay

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant
Bill Meyer, District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order by Lindsay at 5:08 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

Lindsay called to adopt the agenda.

23-01 Motion by Dolan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Lindsay called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the June 28, 2022, meeting.

23-02 Motion by Dolan to approve the minutes of June 28, 2022. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Guests

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie – NA

Treasurer's Report & Financials from June 30, 2022

23-03 Motion by Dolan to approve the June 30, 2022 financial report. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Financials from July 31, 2022

23-04 Motion by Muchmore to approve the July 31, 2022 treasurer's report. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Farms Cost Share Application

23-05 Motion by Dolan to approve Cost Share Applications. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of July 21, 2022 – IFIP \$15,665.00/REAP F/NG \$2326.04/ REAP P \$7000.60

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
100867	Shawn Aberle	WQI-Cover Crops – 1 st Time	Cover Crops	\$2464.00	\$1232.00	Approved
101755	Jenks Partners, Inc.	WQI-Cover Crops- 1 st Time	160 Acres	\$8000.00	\$4000.00	Approved
101099	Beatty Family Farms, Inc.	WQI – Cover Crops – Previous	160 Acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101094	Blake Kerns	WQI- Cover Crops	Cover-Crops	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	Approved

101098	Baragary Brothers	WQI -Cover Crops	106 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101105	Richard Sperfslage	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101103	Andrew Sperfslage	WQI – Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101097	John Slattery	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101095	Miller Menargie Ranch	WQI – Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101101	Randy Lehman	WQI-Cover Crops	55.98 acres	\$2,799.00	\$839.70	Approved
101092	Christine Fangman	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101093	Dylan Fangman	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101102	Rick Lotz	WQI-Cover Crops	140.24 acres	\$7,012.00	\$2,103.60	Approved
102739	Alan Wulfekuhle	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101994	Curt Gentz	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
101985	Christopher Alber	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
102010	Nathan Alber	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
102943	Michael Schares	WQI – Cover Crops	53.54 acres	\$2,677.00	\$803.31	Approved
103003	Gary Cook	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
103441	Kelly Peyton	WQI-Cover Crops	40 acres	\$2,000.00	\$600.00	Approved
103493	Keith Milbach	WQI-Cover Crops	160 Acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
103503	Tony Rouse	WQI-Cover Crops	160 Acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
103631	Doug Fischels	WQI-Cover Crops	140 acres	\$7,000.00	\$2,100.00	Approved
103680	Matthew Milbach	WQI-Cover Crops (1 st time)	110 acres	\$5,500.00	\$2,750.00	Approved
103779	Mark Engelbrecht	WQI-Cover Crops	95.82 acres	\$4,791.00	\$1,437.30	Approved
103805	Doug Kaiser	WQI-Cover Crops	160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
100203	Brandi Fox	Windbreak – North side	1.4 acres	\$1,262.75	\$947.06	Approved
102028	Donald Cook LTD	Waterway	1.1 acres	\$6,268.00	\$3,134.00	Approved

District Conservationist Report –Bill Meyer – DC

Meyer reported as follows:

- CRP – the status reviews and getting ready for re-enrolls are going well.
- Griffin’s last day will be on Thursday, he is going to Black County to be the Roadside Biologist
- EQIP – going well
- CSP – Renewals going on them

Watershed Reports

- Middle Cedar – nothing to report right now
- Upper Wapsi Watershed Meeting – September 13th @ 12.30 p.m. – location is being finalized

Conservation Districts of Iowa –

- Report by Dolan – Annual Conference August 21st – 23rd
- Business Meetings regarding the votes that we did in the office regarding the resolutions most of them that we vote yes on went through. There was still discussion on some others. Discussed the Summer Incentive, and they will be able to harvest their cover crop.
- By-Laws on changing the voting to let Associates vote on them, got shot down.
- Speakers were good – John Swanson spoke talking about saturated buffers.
- Dolan also learned that the Nitrate levels have doubled.
- Partnerships – getting them to work together is key
- Overall, a good turn out – Dolan asked about the talking points from Susan Kozak/IDALS

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- 780 Contribution Agreement with IDALS (need to approve for payroll for our employee, Jim Brown.

23-06 Motion by Dolan to approve the FY23 780 Contribution Agreement with IDALS. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

District Activities

- Commissioner Elections – filing deadline is August 31st – those running Tim Halligan and Dale Priebe
- Manchester Fill In – Julie Althaus has 3 weeks down, and 5 to go. It is going well.
- Meetings – Discuss Summer Mtgs in the Evening and Winter Meetings during the day. It was discussed and will be put on the Organizational Meeting Agenda
- FY22 Financial Review is Due by October 1st – Scheduled for August 29th at 1:00 p.m.
- Dates for Dan Hawkins visit – we have an option 08/30, 9/1, or 9/2 – the decision is to do it on 9/1 @ 1:00 p.m.
- REAP Mtg Report from Bob Muchmore held at Fontana – it was discussed about the Bike Trail by Brandon. Then there was discussion on the new Campground at Fontana and enlarging the Bison Area. Althaus will send out the notes from the meeting.
- 780 Hr. Position – Jim is back, he started back on the 22nd of August

Conservation Plans – None currently

Other Items:

Watermelon Feed at the Fair – get a new banner and check out Cheap Banners.com with our Logo.

Dolan also mentioned the Environmental Specialist – Linn County – Evan Brehm/Sponsored by the IA Soybean Association.

Regular Commissioner's Meeting – **September 20, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Field Office**

23-07 Motion by Dolan to adjourn. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 6:15 p.m.

Chairman Date

Secretary Date