

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, September 27, 2022
8:00 a.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Bob Muchmore

Becky Lindsay

Doug Kaiser

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant

Bill Meyer, District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order by Kaiser at 8:02 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Kaiser called to adopt the agenda.

23-08 Motion by Muchmore to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Kaiser called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the August 23, 2022, meeting.

23-09 Motion by Lindsay to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Guests

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie – NA

Treasurer's Report & Financials from August 31, 2022

23-10 Motion by Lindsay to approve the August 31, 2022, treasurer's report. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Discussed the Financial Site Visit – and there were suggestions made on what we need to improve on and change. Commissioners had a discussion on the review information from Dan Hawkins, IDALS – DSCWQ, that was held on September 1, 2022. Items discussed were as follows:

- They make the Veridian Account a public account, which at the time that they set that up did not know that it had to be ear marked "Public Funds". Althaus brought up about consolidating the Veridian Acct with their NSB account, that way they have one account. It would be a one stop to get business done if needed. After much discussion at the end of the day, it is all public funds, and they can put the money in a one account, earn interest and when it comes to the Treasurer's Report, it will be much smoother.

23-11 Motion Lindsay to consolidate the money into Northeast Security Bank as the CD's come due. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried unanimously.

Althaus also, asked the commissioners if they had a chance to review the recommendations from our Financial Site Visit on September 1st. There was very good information in this, Althaus stated that she learned a lot from it. It was nice to learn from it, so we can know the whys of how they came up with what the standards are.

Farms Cost Share Application

23-11 Motion by Dolan to approve Cost Share Applications. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of September 22, 2022 – IFIP \$12,531.00/REAP F/NG \$2326.04/ REAP P \$7000.60

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
104547	Gregory Becker	WQI-Cover Crops – 1 st Time	Cover Crops	\$3,397.50	\$1,698.75	Approved
104541	Kevin B. Kress	WQI-Cover Crops- Previous	Cover Crops	\$4,189.50	\$1,256.85	Approved
104498	Genesis Farmland, LLC	WQI – Cover Crops – 1 st Time	Cover Crops	\$6,580.50	\$, 3,290.25	Approved
104117	William L Dolan	WQI- Cover Crops	Cover-Crops	\$7,577.50	\$2,273.25	Approved
103919	Timothy Halligan	WQI -Cover Crops	Cover Crops	\$5,000.00	\$1,500.00	Approved
103907	Ralph J Weber	WQI-Cover Crops	Cover Crops	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
103837	Donald Fangman	WQI – Cover Crops	Cover Crops	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approved
102705	Timothy O’Loughlin	Timber Stand Improvement	REAP F/NG	\$2,768.00	\$2,076.00	Approve

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
913191	John Leverington	REAP P	Forest Stand Improvement	\$1,560.00	Approve

23-12 Motion by Lindsay to approve the completed cost share for John Leverington. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report –Bill Meyer – DC

Meyer reported as follows:

- CSP Renewal Contracts – doing field assessments
- CRP Contracts/List on items for status reviews
- Went over with the commissioners selecting 3 HUC 12 watersheds for CSP & EQIP programs. Bill handed out information on the Hydrological Units Code and maps. The commissioners looked it over, discussed and decided on Town of Littleton – Wapsipinicon River, Pine Creek, and Fremont Cemetery – Buffalo Creek. Also, discussed Resource Concerns.

Watershed Reports

- Middle Cedar – nothing to report right now
- Upper Wapsi Watershed Meeting – there was an email that was sent out with the minutes from Tori.

Conservation Districts of Iowa –

- Email from John Whitaker on 9/2/2022 (Survey – Did you get it completed) If not please do.
- Fencing Clinic is still on

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- FARMS Software Update, Julie had training on it.
- FY22 Financial Review – Went over the Financial Review Reports, we have 5 of them, one for each account.

XXX NEED A Motion for the Financial Review Reports

- IDALS will be offering the \$5/acre Crop Insurance Discount program again later this fall with more details to com.
- Althaus handed the commissioners the DALS DSCWQ Talking points, the commissioners asked if she would email it out.

District Activities

- Commissioner Elections – filing deadline is August 31st – those running Tim Halligan and Dale Priebe. Paperwork is all in.
- Manchester Fill In – This will be Julie’s last week.
- 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

Conservation Plans – 8

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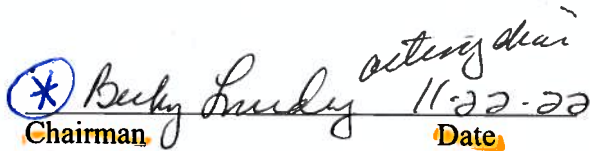
Other Items:

Regular Commissioner’s Meeting – **October 25, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Field Office**

23-14 Motion by Lindsay to skip the October meeting due to harvest and plan on it on November 22, 2022. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

23-15 Motion by Lindsay to adjourn. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 9:47 a.m.

 *acting chair*
Chairman 11-22-22
Date


Secretary 11/22/22
Date