

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, November 22, 2022
10:00 a.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Becky Lindsay
Sean Dolan
Bob Muchmore
Tim Halligan
Doug Kaiser – by Zoom

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant
Jennifer Fencil

The meeting was called to order by Lindsay at 10:06 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Lindsay called to adopt the agenda.

23-16 Motion by Dolan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Lindsay called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2022, meeting.

23-17 Motion by Muchmore to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Guests

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie – NA

Treasurer's Report & Financials from September & October 2022

23-18 Motion by Dolan to approve the September 30, 2022, treasurer's report. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

23-19 Motion by Halligan to approve the October 31, 2022, treasurer's report. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Farms Cost Share Application

23-20 Motion by Dolan to approve Cost Share Applications. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of October 24, 2022 – IFIP \$10,131.00/REAP F/NG \$250.04/ REAP P \$7000.60

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
105379	Genesis Farmland, LLC	WQI	Strip Till – 147.04 acres	\$2,940.00	\$1,470.00	Approve
105462	Cameron, Craig	WQI	Cover Crops – 133.31 acres	\$6,658.50	\$1,999.65	Approve

105657	Kirchhoff, Kyle	WQI	Cover Crops – 115.9 acres	\$5,795.00	\$1,738.50	Approve
105446	Cameron, Chris	WQI	Cover Crops - 72.99 acres	\$3,649.50	\$1,094.85	Approve
105626	Gallery, Michael	WQI	Cover Crops – 160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approve
104683	Natlin, LLC	WQI	Cover Crops – 160 acres	\$8,000.00	\$2,400.00	Approve
105414	Parker, Craig	REAP P	Forest Stand Improvement – 25.3	\$4,048.00	\$3,036.00	Approve
97272	Brustkern Farms	IFIP	Grassed Waterway – 1.3 acres	\$10,425.25	\$5,212.63	Approve

FARMS Cost Share Amendments

Practice #	Name	Amended Item	Original Information	Amended Information	Action
913191	Leverington, John	Total Obligated Funds	\$2,080.00	\$1,560.00	Approve

23-21 Motion by Muchmore to approve the Cost Share Amendment. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
913191	John Leverington	REAP P	Forest Stand Improvement – 13 Acres	\$1,560.00	Approve
98141	Gissel Farms, LTD	Buffer Initiative	CP43 Prairie Strips – 2.91 Acres	\$582.00	Approve
98143	Gissel Farms, LTD	Buffer Initiative	CP42 Pollinator – 5.76 Acres	\$288.00	Approve
98655	Shannon, Brent L.	Buffer Initiative	CP27 -Farmable Wetland – 8.8 Acres	\$1,760.00	Approve
98647	Shannon, Brent L.	Buffer Initiative	CP23-Wetland Restoration- 17.7 acres	\$3,654.00	Approve
98712	Cook, Gary L.	Buffer Initiative	CP42- Pollinator-1.53 Acres	\$76.50	Approve
99625	Agri Acres	Buffer Initiative	CP21- Filter Strip (R) – 6.28 acres	\$1,250.00	Approve
100812	Agri Acres	Buffer Initiatives	CP21-Filter Strip(R) – 8.25 acres	\$1,670.00	Approve
99626	Sage, Doug	Buffer	CP21-Filter	\$1,804.00	Approve

		Initiatives	Strip (R) – 9.02 acres		
103805	Kaiser, Doug	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
103631	Fischels, Doug	WQI	Cover Crops	\$675.00	Approve
102943	Schares, Mike	WQI	Cover Crops	\$765.00	Approve
104117	Dolan, William	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,273.25	Approve
105683	Natlin LLC	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,379.00	Approve
103503	Rouse, tony	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,710.00	Approve
105626	Gallery, Mike	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,340.00	Approve
103779	Engelbrecht, Mark	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,437.30	Approve
100867	Aberle, Shawn	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,232.00	Approve
104541	Kress, Kevin	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,256.85	Approve
101755	Jenks Partners Inc.	WQI	Cover Crops	\$4,000.00	Approve

23-22 Motion by Dolan to approve the completed cost share and maintenance agreements for the above. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report –Bill Meyer – DC

Althaus reported the Bill, he had a mandatory meeting:

- 3 CSP Renewals Pre-Approved
- Cover Crop seeding date has been extended to December 21st
- Becky Van Wey is assisting with our designing (State Technician from Vinton)
- Discussion on Letter to the State Office for a State Technician- After discussion, we need to draw up a letter and get it sent out.

Watershed Reports

- Middle Cedar – Jennifer Fencl, wanted to let the commissioners know that this watershed project is completed and done. Jennifer did hand out the “Middle Cedar Watershed Conservation Impacts” that was put together, to show people all that was completed with statistics and facts. 38 Landowners participated in this project

There is the possibility that we could write another grant, asking for approximately \$170,000 for just signage for Upper Wapsi projects – Budgeted, these signs would be put in a location that have the highly visible projects.

On these projects there is a 20-year maintenance agreement, that has been signed by the landowner.

Jennifer also mentioned that she does have files with unbuilt projects. She is also working with us as a priority, she spoke with Matt McDonald and Jeff Tisl, we could get a person for at least 3 years, to help to continue with some projects in this area.

Jennifer also stated that there could be an opportunity to mat for payroll if there is one. She is going to do some checking, so there are some options.

- Upper Wapsi Watershed Meeting – nothing to report currently.

Conservation Districts of Iowa – Nothing currently

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- FARMS Software Update-It is coming, they are currently working on some bubbles
- FY22 Financial Review – It was discussed to keep our response simple, Althaus will draw up a response for Doug to look at, then we can get it signed and sent in.
- November 2022 IDALS DSCWQ talking points were discussed, Althaus will be emailing them out.

District Activities

- Commissioner Elections – Tim Halligan and Dale Priebe our elected commissioners. We have a meeting on December 27th, our Annual Business Meeting on January 3rd. Althaus stated that she would contact her field rep, Bobby Kuennen, to see if they could do the Annual Business Meeting on the 24th of January.
- Possibility of Seeing the Fabric Plow – It was discussed, it is a resource that is paid for, and Dolan stated that he could store during the winter.
- Tree Sale Vs. Supporter Club – it was discussed what is our objective – we can't get the trees that we need. Our customer service is not going to be there. It was discussed about the tree sale, and Althaus stated that this is the commissioners fund raiser. So, it was decided not to have the tree sale this year, we will try the supporter club.
- Scholarships – are going to do the scholarships this year? It was discussed and we will still do the scholarships, it does make us more visible.
- Althaus will be on leave from November 23rd thru November 30th. Lori Kohlmeyer will be her back up.

Conservation Plans – 5

23-23 Motion by Dolan to approve the Conservation plans. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Other Items:

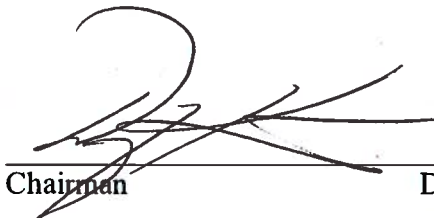
Althaus went over a letter that they received regarding Richard Sloan's Wetland project. It was discussed the Wetland PTO, and it needed to be approved.

23-24 Motion by Dolan to approve the Wetland PTO. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Our next meeting is on December 27th at 10:00 a.m.

23-25 Motion by Dolan to adjourn. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 12:02 p.m.


Chairman _____ Date 12/27/22


Secretary _____ Date 12/27/22