

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, December 28, 2021
10:00 a.m. at the Independence Library**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Doug Kaiser
Becky Lindsay
Bob Muchmore
Sean Dolan

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Kaiser at 10:08 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Kaiser called to adopt the agenda.

22-28 Motion by Dolan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Kaiser called for a discussion and approval of the minutes from the November 22, 2021 meeting.

22-29 Motion by Lindsay to approve the minutes of November 22, 2021. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report for November 2021 – Report was given.

22-30 Motion by Lindsay to approve the November 2021. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Wapsi River Management Authority – Tori Nimrod

Nimrod sent a message out for the commissioners to mark the next Upper Wapsi WMS meeting on their calendars for February 8, 2022 at Twin Ponds Nature Center. The Nature Center is located southwest of New Hampton, 1811 240th St., Iona, IA 50645. There will also be a zoom option.

Middle Cedar River Watershed –

Nothing to report

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie Rath

Nothing to Report

District Conservationist Report – Bill Meyer – DC - Absent

Althaus briefly gave report.

- CRP –
- EQIP –
- CSP –
- Field Visits – It was brought up by the commissioners that they have been contacted again, that no one called, and they were upset. The commissioners asked that out of common courtesy that all landlords or tenants be contacted before they head to the field. Althaus will follow up on Magnets or at least somewhat of an identifier.

- Workload – It was discussed about the different faces that come from the quad and it is confusing for the landowners. It was suggested that we do a picture frame with everyone’s picture with their name and title so the landowners can see it and identify names with a picture.

REAP P and REAP F/NG Funding – Voluntary Recall

Althaus went over the memo from the state officer regarding the voluntary recall of REAP P and REAP F/NG Funds, after discussion it was decided on.

22-31 Motion by Lindsay to not allow any of their unobligated/unspent balances to be recalled. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Tree Sale Update – Althaus

Update on tree sales, they have been going well.

- Deposit to Alpha Nurseries \$1,533.24

22-32 Motion by Dolan to approve the deposit payment of \$1,533.24. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Refrigerator - Purchased in March 2014 – Cy & Charley’s

The freezer hasn’t been working, and now the refrigerator is not working. Althaus wanted to make the commissioners aware that she did price a new one. They thought it could be repaired. They will be getting back to us to discuss it.

22-33 Motion by Lindsay to do what we need to do to get the refrigerator up and going. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

NACD Grant Position –

Are we going forward with the 2020 Grant or do we release that one and move forward with the 2021 Grant? In discussion, they will release the 2020 grant and talk with Bill if there is the need to proceed with another new employee or the funds could be used for Jim Brown, also. Althaus will get in touch with Meg at NACD. She is also working with Lori Lewis on getting reimbursement for the funding that we did use for the 2020 Grant.

22-34 Motion by Lindsay to close out the 2020 NACD Grant. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Plat Books – Need 6 plat books, they are \$28.00 each, which is a total of \$168.00.

It was discussed that we could make copies of the new ones or use the old ones that are received by the commissioners.

22-35 Motion by Lindsay to purchase the plat books. Seconded by Muchmore.

Conservation Plans – 5

Cost Share Approval –

Leverington, John	13 ac. Timber Stand Improvement	Cost Est. \$	CS Amt. \$2,080.00
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Completed Cost Share –

12-9-21 Parker, Craig	Forest Stand Improvement	CS Amt. \$1,428.00	Under \$476.00
12-9-21 Fischels, Doug	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$675.00	
Alber, Nathan G.	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$360.00	

Lotz, Richard W.	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,800.00
Duroe, Albert	Forest Stand Improvement	CS Amt. \$1,872.00
Dolan, William L.	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,273.25
Peyton, Kelly	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,140.00
Slattery, John	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,400.00
Gentz, Curt S.	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$3,686.75
Lindsay, Scott	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,400.00
Sperflage, Richard N	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,400.00
Natlin, LLC	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,924.50
Kirchoff, Kyle	WQI Cover Crops – 1 st Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,769.25
Milbach, Keith	WQI Cover Crops – 1 st Yr.	CS Amt. \$4,000.00
Osvald, Dustin	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,935.00
Cameron, Chris	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,990.80
Cameron, Craig	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,400.00
Engelbrecht, Mark	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,437.30
Beatty Family Farms, LLC	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$2,400.00
Lindsay Dairy, LLC	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$984.15
Schares, Michael J	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$843.45
Kaiser, Doug	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,504.60
Natlin, LLC	WQI Cover Crops – 2 nd Yr.	CS Amt. \$1,924.50

Bills for December 2021

Revolving Account – NSB (Northern Security Bank)

*None currently

Employee Acct. – Veridian

IPERS – 12/15/21 \$40.25 EFT Late Fee

Total \$40.25

22-36 Motion by Lindsay to approve Cost Share, Completed Cost Share, and Bills for December 2021. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Other Items: NA

Regular Commissioner’s Meeting – **January 25, 2021 at time and location to be determined**

22-37 Motion by Muchmore to adjourn. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried

Adjourned @ 11:07 a.m.

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date