

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, December 27, 2022
10:00 a.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Becky Lindsay
Sean Dolan
Bob Muchmore
Tim Halligan
Doug Kaiser

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant
Dale Priebe, New Commissioner

The meeting was called to order by Lindsay at 10:01 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Kaiser called to adopt the agenda.

23-28 Motion by Lindsay 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, 2022, meeting.

23-29 Motion by Lindsay to approve the minutes of November 22, 2022. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Guests

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie – NA

Treasurer's Report & Financials from November 2022

23-30 Motion by Dolan to approve the November 30, 2022, treasurer's report. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Farms Cost Share Application

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of December 19, 2022 – IFIP \$22,531.00/REAP F/NG \$1,850.04/ REAP P \$5,887.85

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
106012	Kress, Ryan	REAP F/NG	Windbreak	\$819.19	614.39	Approve
102020	Fangman, Dylan	IFIP	Grassed Waterway	\$9,011.75	\$4,505.87	Approve
102681	Hoover, Patrick	IFIP	Grassed Waterway	\$6,443.25	\$3,221.62	Approve
104344	Brustkern Farms, LLC	IFIP	Grade Stablization	\$12,000.00	\$6,000.00	Approve

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23-31 Motion by Muchmore to approve Cost Share Applications. Seconded by Becky. Motion carried.

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
95859	Duroe, Albert	REAP F/NG	Tree/Shrub Est.	\$4,804.02	Approve
101098	Baragary Brothers – Eldon	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
101099	Beatty Family Farms	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
103003	Cook, Gary	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
103837	Fangman, Donald	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
103919	Halligan, Timothy	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
101094	Kerns, Blake	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,500.00	Approve
101095	Miller Menargie Ranch	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
105446	Cameron, Chris	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,094.85	Approve
105462	Cameron, Craig	WQI	Cover Crops	\$912.00	Approve
104498	Genesis Farmland, LLC	WQI	Cover Crops	\$3,290.25	Approve
101994	Gentz, Curt	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,620.00	Approve
105657	Kirchhoff, Kyle	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,738.50	Approve
101102	Lotz, Rick	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,070.00	Approve
103493	Milbach, Keith J	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
103680	Milbach, Matthew	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,737.50	Approve
101105	Sperflage, Richard	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
101103	Sperflage, Andrew	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,370.00	Approve
103907	Weber, Ralph	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,1238.00	Approve
102739	Wulfekuhle, Alan	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
101985	Alber, Christopher	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
102010	Alber, Nate	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approve
101101	Lehman, Randy	WQI	Cover Crops	\$750.00	Approve
103441	Peyton, Kelly	WQI	Cover Crops	\$525.00	Approve
103503	Rouse, Tony	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,710.00	Approve

Cancellations

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
101093	Fangman, Dylan	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Cancel
105321	Donnelly, Pat	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Cancel

89013	Andersen, Mark	REAP	Windbreak		
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23-32 Motion by Lindsay to approve the completed cost share and maintenance agreements and cancellations. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report –Bill Meyer – DC

- Meyer went over the CSP (Conservation Stewardship Program and EQIP (Environmental Quality Incentives Program). He spoke about the differences in the two programs, EQIP has a specific concern and CSP, one needs to look at all of the resource concerns. Bill went through some examples. He also gave each commissioner a handout.

Watershed Reports

- Middle Cedar – Nothing to report at this time. Muchmore did ask about if we had heard anything from Jennifer on some grant money.
- Upper Wapsi Watershed Meeting – nothing to report currently.

Conservation Districts of Iowa –

- Conservation Partnership Day will be held on January 11th, 2023 starting at 11:30 a.m. Althaus explained that this is a great opportunity for the commissioners to speak with their current legislators and make them aware of what we do.

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- Discussed the opportunity of Internship Applications, they were due on 12/16/2022. Told the commissioners that I explained to Bobby that our concern is filling other positions.
- December 2022 IDALS DSCWQ talking points, emailed this out to the commissioners the 1st part of December.
- IFIP 2023 Recall and Supplemental Deadline – 12/30/2022
Explained to the commissioners that we are going to try to use up as much as we can. So, we don't have to give back hardly anything.
- REAP P and REAP F/NG Funding Voluntary Recall – it will be the same thing as our IFIP dollars, get them allocated.

District Activities

- Annual Organizational Meeting – January 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Doug and Sean both stated that they would not be able to attend.
- Letter from the commissioners to CDI regarding the need for a state technician. We need to look at Example 1 and Example 2, the difference is Example 1 is general and Example 2 is more factual. They reviewed it.
23-33 Motion by Lindsay to approve Example 2 and mail out to CDI. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Conservation Plans – 8

23-34 Motion by Muchmore to approve the Conservation plans. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Other Items:

Our next meeting is on January 24th at 10:00 a.m.

23-35 Motion by Dolan to adjourn. Seconded by Muchmore. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 11:27 a.m.

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date