

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Wednesday, July 26, 2023
10:00 a.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Sean Dolan

Tim Halligan*

Doug Kaiser

Becky Lindsay*

Dale Priebe

*Absent from Meeting

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant

Evan Ronnebaum, Soil Conservationist

The meeting was called to order by Dolan at 10:11 a.m.

Adopt Agenda

Dolan called to adopt the agenda.

Althaus stated that she needed to add 2 items under completed cost share. They are as follows:

#106333 Steven Michael - REAP P Streambank Stabilization \$459.47 Approve

#106332 IA Family Farms - REAP P Streambank Stabilization \$459.47 Approve

24-01 Motion by Kaiser to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Dolan called for a discussion and approval of the meeting minutes from June 27, 2023, meeting.

24-02 Motion by Kaiser to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 27, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

Guests –

None

Treasurer's Report & Financials from June 30, 2023

Althaus went over the June 30, 2023, treasurer's report, and financials.

24-03 Motion by Priebe to approve the June 30, 2023, treasurer's report. Seconded by Kaiser. Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie (absent)

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of June 30, 2023 – IFIP \$1,186.94/REAP F/NG \$587.65/ REAP P \$577.19

| Practice # | Name | Program | Practice | Estimated Cost | Cost Share Amt | Action |
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FARMS Cost Share Application
 Moved _____ 2nd _____

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| 106332 | IA Family Farms | REAP P | Streambank Stabilization | \$459.47 | Approve |
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FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

24-04 Moved Priebe _____ 2nd Kaiser _____

District Conservationist Report – Julie Althaus

- NRCS Updates – It is kind of calm right now.
- Evan is at training this week July 24 – 28th, in Salina, KS
- Evan did apply for the District Conservationist position here in Independence.

Watershed Reports

- Middle Cedar – Going to try and get some applications for Cover Crops in the SF512 Middle Cedar HUC8 Project
- Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority Email – nothing to report.
- Upper Wapsi Watershed – Next meeting will be on September 12, at Fontana @ 1:30
 Althaus reported 2 practice issues to Tori, that need to be addressed.

Conservation Districts of Iowa –

- Annual conference is on August 28 – August 29th, who is attending besides Sean, cost is free for commissioners along with lodging.
- Proxy appointment for the Annual Meeting, it was discussed by the commissioners Sean would represent them, and the proxies were signed. Julie will try to get Tim and Becky’s signature.
- Dues of \$850.00 need to be in by September 30, 2023. It was discussed in the past the district would send them out the last week in September.

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- WQI – funds to approve 1st time users allocated users allocated 7/6/2023.
- Sign the 780 Hr. Agreement for FY24 – Jim will be starting next week.

