

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
INDEPENDENCE, IA  
Tuesday, August 22, 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  
Clark Porter, Environmental Specialist /Black Hawk Cty

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

**Adopt Agenda**

Dolan called to adopt the agenda as amended with the additions.

**24-09 Motion** by Lindsay to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

**Guests –**

Clark Porter - went over saturated buffers; maps that show the areas where cover crops are eligible for the SF512 – Middle Cedar HUC 8 funds that IDALS are funding. Clark and Julie are working on getting the ball rolling for Buchanan it has been a bit sluggish. Things are slow due to the dry conditions.

On November 9<sup>th</sup> @ the Lee Bader Farm, there will be an outdoor learning experience regarding Saturated Buffers, there will be more details to follow.

Clark stated that he would like to have a no-till planting clinic. He inquired about thoughts on possibilities of those who would be interested in participating on a panel.

Middle Cedar – Jerry Fratzke has 4 Bioreactors; Lee Bader has some interest.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes July 26, 2023**

Dolan called for a discussion and approval of the meeting minutes from July 26, 2023, meeting.

**24-10 Motion** by Lindsay to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 26, 2023, meeting. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report & Financials from June 30, 2023 & July 31, 2023**

Althaus went over the June 30, 2023, treasurer's report, and financials and July 31, 2023. With the corrections Althaus wants to make sure that all is correct.

**24 -11 Motion** by Lindsay to table until the issues are resolved. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried

**Pheasants Forever Report – Allie (absent)**

**FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of July 31, 2023 – IFIP \$13,185.00/REAP F/NG \$2,590.53/ REAP P \$8,155.20**

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
110947	2011 R & D Muchmore Family Trust	Buffer Initiative - \$200 per acre	CP21 0.92 acres	\$184.00	\$184.00	Approve
110704	Bengtson, Terry	Buffer Initiative- \$50.00 per acre	CP42 0.61 acres	\$30.50	\$30.50	Approve

110714	Bengtson, Terry	Buffer Initiative- \$50.00 ac	CP42 2.51 acres	376.50	376.50	Approve
109506	Schmitt, Gregg	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 ac	CP21 0.53 acres	\$106.00	\$106.00	Approve
110723	Bowden Investment	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 ac	CP21 3.57 acres	\$714.00	714.00	Approve
109844	Bovenmeyer Farms LLC	Buffer Initiative \$200.00 ac	CP23 37.35 acres	\$7,470.00	\$7,470.00	Approve
110491	Larsen, Sharon	Buffer Initiative \$200.00 ac	CP21 11.79	\$2,358.00	\$2,358.00	Approve
109587	Baragary Brothers	Buffer Initiative \$200.00 ac	CP21 6.97 acres	\$1,394.00	\$1,394.00	Approve
109790	Oak Haven LLC	Buffer Initiative \$200.00	CP21 2.83 acres	\$566.00	\$566.00	Approve
109812	Steffen, Ronald	Buffer Initiative \$200.00 ac	CP21 5.1 acres	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00	Approve

**FARMS WQI (Water Quality Initiative) Approved Applications**

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
110117	Alber, Nate	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved
109647	Baragary Brothers	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved

107959	Cook Brothers LTD	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved
108781	Cook, Gary	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,100.00	Approved
108145	Dolan, William	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,273.25	Approved
107961	Engelbrecht, Mark	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,437.30	Approved
109656	Fischels, Douglas	WQI	Cover Crops	\$672.45	Approved
110113	Gentz, Curt	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved
108024	Osvold, Dustin	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved
109452	Rouse, Tony	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,068.65	Approved
109675	Schares, Michael	WQI	Cover Crops	\$843.45	Approved
109749	Sperflage, Andy	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved
108709	Sperflage, Richard	WQI	Cover Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved
108358	Weston Family Farms, LLC	WQI	Cover Crops	\$1,475.85	Approved
108186	Wulfekuhle, Al	WQI	Cove Crops	\$2,400.00	Approved

#### FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
110947	2011 R & D Muchmore Family Trust	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 per ac	CP21-renewal 0.92 ac	184.00	Approve
110704	Bengston, Terry	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 per ac	CP42 – New 0.61 ac	30.50	Approve
110714	Bengtson, Terry	Buffer Initiative- \$50.00 ac	CP42 - renewal 2.51 acres	376.50	Approve
109506	Schmitt, Gregg	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 ac	CP21 -renewal 0.53 acres	\$106.00	Approve
110723	Bowden Investment	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 ac	CP21-renewal 3.57 acres	\$714.00	Approve
109844	Bovenmeyer Farms LLC	Buffer Initiative - \$200.00 ac	CP23-renewal 37.35 acre	\$7,470.00	Approve
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109790	Oak Haven LLC	Buffer Initiative \$200.00	CP21-renewal 2.83 acres	\$566.00	Approve
109812	Steffen, Ronald	Buffer Initiative \$200.00 ac	CP21-renewal 5.1 acres	\$1,020.00	Approve
99117	Cook, Bonnie	Buffer Initiative \$50.00	CP42 – renewal 4.73 acres	\$236.00	Approve

**24-12 Motion** by Halligan to approve FARMS Applications for Buffer Initiative; WQI – Water Quality Initiative; FARMS Completed Cost Share. Motion carried.

**District Conservationist Report – Evan Ronnebaum**

- NRCS Updates – getting ready for CSP & EQIP
- Currently wrapping up CRP
- Training went ok in Salina – he was of the longest one that has been employed by NRCS that was there.
- Evan stated that the DC position is still open, he is hoping to hear something soon.

**Watershed Reports**

- Middle Cedar – Went over with Clark Porter
- Maquoketa River Watershed Management Authority Email – Dolan stated that there is a meeting in Epworth on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Upper Wapsi Watershed – Meeting will be in September

**Conservation Districts of Iowa –**

- Dolan went over the Resolutions

**IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship**

- WQI – still taking applications

**NACD – National Association of Conservation District**

- Received a letter that they received the district’s payment.
- TA 2021 – a decision will be made by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**District Activities**

- Julie is filling in at Linn County for the CA, along with Sonja Ellison from Jones County.
- Reminder that our Financial Review is following the meeting, Dolan and Priebe will be doing it.
- Althaus will be contacting the Auditors Office, to figure out the steps that are needed for our funding.

**Conservation Plans – 15**

**24-13 Motion** by Halligan to approve the Conservation plans. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

**Other Items:**

- Dolan went over the REAP Meeting that he attended. The 5 year Plan is outdated for the REAP Committee and in 8 year INCOG will be helpful. (missed some information)
- Next Regular Meeting will be held on September 26, at 10:00 a.m. at the Field Office.

**24-14 Motion** by Lindsay to adjourn. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 10:59 a.m.

*\* [Signature]*

Chairman

*9/26/2023*  
Date

*[Signature]*

Secretary

*9/26/23*  
Date