

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, May 28, 2024
2:00 p.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Sean Dolan, Chair
Dale Priebe
Becky Lindsay
Doug Kaiser
Tim Halligan*

*Absent from Meeting

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant
Evan Ronnebaum, District Conservationist

The meeting was called to order by Dolan at 2:04 p.m.

There were no guests.

Adopt Agenda

Dolan called to adopt the agenda.

24-62 Motion by Lindsay to approve the agenda. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Approval of March Monthly Meeting Minutes dated March 26, 2024

Dolan called for a discussion and approval of the regular meeting minutes from March 26, 2024, no discussion.

24-63 Motion by Kaiser to approve the Monthly Meeting Minutes from March 26, 2024, meeting. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Approval of No Monthly Meeting Minutes dated April, 2024

Dolan called for the approval of No Monthly Meeting Minutes in April, no discussion.

24-64 Motion by Kaiser to approve the No Monthly Meeting in April due to planting season. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Financials –

Treasurer's Report & Financials approval for corrected February 29, 2024/ Treasurer's Report for March 29, 2024.

24-65 Motion by Kaiser to approve the Corrected February 29, 2024, Financial Report and March 29, 2024 Financial Report. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Financial approvals for April 30, 2024, Financial Report.

24-66 Motion by Kaiser to approve the April 30, 2024 Financial Report. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever Report – Allie

Althaus shared Allie's report with the commissioners.

Watersheds

- A. Middle Cedar – Jennifer Fencil
There is a meeting tomorrow, May 29th, will report more.
- B. Maquoketa Watershed – Erin Erickson
Nothing to Report at this time.
- C. Upper Wapsi – Tori
Dolan stated that there will be a meeting on July 11th at Twin Ponds
- D. HUC8 – Clark Porter
Althaus shared that Porter will be retiring and they will be looking for a replacement. He will be done on June 6th.

FARMS Cost Share Applications - APRIL

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of April 17, 2024 – IFIP \$25,798.16/REAP F/NG \$2,590.53/ REAP P \$5,414.78

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
115673	Jon Zieser	REAP – F/NG	Windbreak	\$934.02	700.51	Approve

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
107644	Margaret Ann Vogel Testamentary Trust	REAP P	Timber Stand Improvement	\$2,532.00	Approve

FARMS Cancelled Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
98013	Andrews, Randy	IFIP	Waterway	0.00	Approve
114088	Strauel Farms	IFIP	Waterway	0.00	Approve

FARMS Amendment

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Cost Share Amt	Action
107100	Klotzbach Land and Cattle Co.	REAP F/NG	Forest Stand Improvement	COMPLETION DATE TO 05/23/2025	APPROVE

FARMS Cost Share Applications - MAY

FARMS Ledger Remain Balance as of May 21, 2024 – IFIP \$28,191.39/REAP F/NG \$1890.02/ REAP P \$5836.35

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
116049	Margaret Ann Votel Testamentary Trust	REAP – F/NG	Timber Stand Improvement	\$1,776.00	\$1,332.00	Approve
115860	Sackett, Pamela	REAP – P	Windbreak	\$2,114.88	\$1,586.16	Approve
116078	Marlene P Yeoman Rev Trust	CRP- Buffer Initiative \$200 Sign Up	CRP – Prairie Strips	\$148.00	\$148.00	*Approved
116080	Yeoman Family Farm, LLC	CRP-Buffer Initiative \$200 Sign Up	CRP – Prairie Strips	\$726.00	\$726.00	*Approved
116082	Yeoman Family Farm, LLC	CRP – Buffer Initiative \$200 Sign Up	CRP Prairie Strips	\$334.00	\$334.00	*Approved
*Did not need commissioners approval						
114915	Engelbrecht, Mark	Cost – Share	Grassed Waterway	\$13,543.30	\$6,771.65	Approve
114910	Engelbrecht, Joshuar	Cost-Share	Grassed Waterway	\$14,965.00	\$7,482.50	Approve

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

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115673	Jon Zieser	REAP F/NG	Windbreak	700.51	Approve

FARMS Cancelled Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

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FARMS Amendment

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24-67 Motion by Lindsay to all of April and May’s Cost Share, Completed Cost Share, Cancelled Cost Share, and Amended Cost Share. Seconded by Kaiser. Motion carried.

District Conservationist Report – Evan Ronnebaum, District Conservationist

NRCS Updates –

- Went over the Civil Rights Review for NRCS with Commissioners and had them sign it.
- 6 Applications for EQIP up for ranking
- 10 EQIP contracts that were rolled over

- 60 – Re enrolls for CRP
- 5 to 7 New CRP Contracts
- 90 Status Reviews
- Next 2 week will be certifying EQIP
- Jessi Blaire is our New Soil Conservationist, she moved over here from FSA. She was the CRP Technician over at FSA.
- Candice Williams will be our CDI employee pending her background check.

Conservation Districts of Iowa – Report from Sean

- CDI Administrative Support – Candice Williams pending her background check.
- Summer Tour is on June 10th out in Western Iowa
- Review of Resolutions – Althaus handed out the Resolutions for the commissioners to go over, it was discussed and the signature form was completed.

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- Award Nominations – Althaus went over a list of awards that are options for some our landowners, she is going to try to get those submitted. Completion date for the majority of the awards nominations is June 7th.

NACD – National Association of Conservation District

- Nothing at this time.

District Activities

- Shared information from Shane Wulf on Dick Sloan's Project.
- 2024 District Scholarships

Jesup Dollars for Scholars - \$420.00/ Awards Night is April 25th @ 7:00 p.m. in South High School Gym - Althaus presented this one

North Linn - \$420.00 splitting between 2 students/ Awards Night is May 15th @ 7:00 p.m. High School Gym (We do not pay them until they provide us with their grades from the 1st Semester of College. Sean Dolan presented these 2 scholarships.

Starmont Dollars for Scholars - \$420.00/Awards Night is May 8th @ 7:00 p.m. in High School Gym, we had no one available to present this scholarship.

East Buchanan Funds of the Future - \$420.00/Awards Night is May 1st @ 7:00 p.m. in the Events Gym – Sean Dolan presented this scholarship, even though he was called Mark.

Independence Dollars for Scholars - \$420.00/Awards Night is May 8th @ 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium. Dale Priebe presented this scholarship to Jackson Wolf.

- Tree Sale – Althaus gave an update on the tree sale. Going to have the CDI Helper – Candice Williams, is going to help Julie with this and we are looking at doing this end of July first of August.

- District old Lap Top Computer and Printer – Althaus asked what their thoughts are on the computer and printer. It does not turn on, just trying to figure out our options.

Conservation Plans – 23

24-68 Motion by Priebe to approve the conservation plans. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Other Items:


- Next Commissioners meeting will be on June 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Field Office.
- Priebe discussed the upcoming meetings with the supervisors regarding the windmills in the Brandon area, they are trying to get the CSR rating changed. The meetings are at 7:00 p.m. at the Brandon Community Center.
- Althaus reminded the commissioners that we will have 3 up for re-election this year and they are as follows – Becky Lindsay, Doug Kaiser, and Sean Dolan.
- 780 Hr. Position – Althaus has sent in the application. We just need the commissioner’s approval.

24-69 Motion by Lindsay to approve the 780 Hour position. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

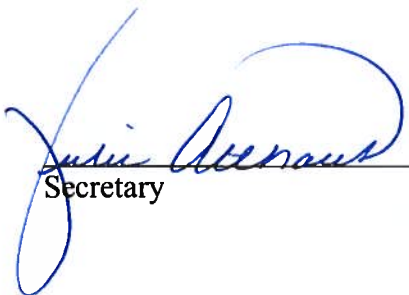
Regular Commissioners meeting is scheduled for June 25th, Althaus will not be here. It has been scheduled for the 18th of June at 2:00 p.m.

24-70 Motion by Lindsay to adjourn. Seconded by Kaiser. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 3:35 p.m.


Chairman

6-18-24
Date


Secretary

6-19-2024
Date

