

**MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, June 18, 2024
2:00 p.m. at the Independence Field Office**

Those present were:

Commissioners

Sean Dolan, Chair
Dale Priebe*
Becky Lindsay
Doug Kaiser arrived at 2:25 p.m.
Tim Halligan

*Absent from Meeting

Staff & Others

Evan Ronnebaum, District Conservationist
Candice Williams, Conservation Districts of Iowa – Admin

The meeting was called to order by Dolan at 2:10 p.m.

There were no guests.

Adopt Agenda

Dolan called to adopt the agenda.

24-71 Motion by Lindsay to approve the agenda. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes dated May 28, 2024

Dolan called for the approval of May 28th Monthly Meeting, no discussion.

24-72 Motion by Lindsay to approve the monthly meeting minutes of May 28, 2024. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Financials –

Treasurer's Report & Financial approvals for May 28, 2024, Financial Report.

24-73 Motion by Halligan to approve the May 28, 2024, Financial Report. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

It was also discussed that the VOIDED Chk#4775 to Starmont Schools in the amount of \$420.00, needs to be initialed and dated.

FARMS Cost Share - APPROVALS

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
116278	Gary Brown Farms Corp	REAP F/NG & REAP P	TSI	\$2,720.00	\$2,040.00	Approve

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
104344	Brustkern Farms LLC	IFIP	Structure		\$8,729.90	Approve
102705	Timothy J O'Loughlin	REAP F/NG	TSI		\$2,076.00	Approve

24-74 Motion by Lindsay to approve the Cost Share Approvals and the Completed Cost Share Projects for payment. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Maquoketa Watershed – Erin Erickson
Received a newsletter via email.

Upper Wapsi – Tori
There is a meeting on July 11th at Twin Ponds in Ionia, IA

HUC 8 – Clark Porter/Retired
Currently IDALS is looking for a spot for a new Environmental Specialist. It was discussed of the possibility of using the other room that is up for rent from Larson's. It was discussed and will be further discussed at our next meeting.

District Conservationist Report – Evan Ronnebaum, District Conservationist

NRCS Updates –

- 2 RCPP Applications Approved – Cover Crop and No-Till/Strip- Till
- 6 Applications for EQIP Approved
2 Pastures; 1 Timber Stand Improvement; 1 Oxbow; 1 Cover Crop & No-Till/Strip Till
1 CRP
- CRP
30 Status Reviews; 40 to Re-enroll plans; 10 -Already planned; 5 New CRP

Conservation Districts of Iowa – Report from Sean

- Annual Conference is on August 19-20, 2024 at Gateway Hotel and Conference Center, Ames, Dolan plans on attending.
- Update on dues, there is an increase of \$150.00, it went from \$850.00 to \$1,000.00, this due before September 30, 2024.

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship

- Preventive Planting with Cover Crops- 1st time users can use WQI or We can use State Cost Share (IFIP dollars). Previous users of Cover Crops, it's a different story.

NACD – National Association of Conservation District – Nothing Current

District Activities

- Watermelon Feed – July 20th at the Buchanan County Fair. It will be on the 20th during the Kiddie Tractor Pull. Those that are available would be Sean and possibly Dale. Lindsay would be unable to attend at this time.

Conservation Plans –3

24-75 Motion by Lindsay to approve the conservation plans. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Other Items:

- Farmer to Farmer Meeting being held at Buttermilk Café on June 25, 2024.

Regular Commissioners meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

24-76 Motion by Lindsay to adjourn. Seconded by Kaiser. Motion carried.

Adjourned @ 2:40 p.m.

Sean DW
Chairman

7-23-24
Date

Julie A. Attnaus
Secretary

7-23-24
Date

