

MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER
CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Tuesday, June 17, 2025
1:00 p.m. at the Independence Field Office

Those in attendance were:

Commissioners

Sean Dolan, Chair

Tim Halligan

Cameron Cocking

Dale Priebe

Becky Lindsay

*Absent from Meeting

Linda Walthart, Assistant Commissioner

Staff & Others

Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Dolan at 1:48 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

Dolan called to adopt the agenda.

25-81 Motion by Lindsay to approve the agenda. Seconded by Cocking. Motion carried.

Guests –

None

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes dated May 27, 2025

Dolan called for the approval of May 27, 2025, Monthly Meeting,

25-82 Motion by Cocking to approve the monthly meeting minutes of May 27, 2025, Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Bills to Be Paid-

- Bank Statements –Lindsay received the 4/30/25 bank statement and her 5/30/25 statement, so we should be in sync now. She did state that there is a formula issue, because everything is there.
- Review of the Bank Reconciliations for May 30, 2025, TR and they also reviewed the bills to be paid.

25-83 Motion by Lindsay to approve May 30th TR and June Bills to be paid. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

FARMS Cost Share Update

FARMS Ledgers Remaining Balances, as of June 17, 2025 – IFIP \$8,810.16; REAP F/NG \$2,562.03; REAP P \$0.00.

Applications to Be Approved

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action

FARMS Completed Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
122972	Yeoman Family Farm, LLC	CRP-Buffer Initiative \$200 Sign Up – SF512	Buffer Strip	\$3,158.00	\$3,158.00	Approve

25-84 Motion by Halligan to approve Completed Cost Share. Seconded by Cocking. Motion carried.

Pheasants Forever Report

Nothing currently

Conservation Districts of Iowa – The commissioners went through the resolutions and discussed them and got their ballot ready to be sent in. There was some really good discussion on some of these resolutions. These need to be submitted by the end of June to Dien at CDI.

Dolan reported that CDI was able to get some money so that is why we were able to get Candice back and the others at CDI.

The CDI conference will be held on August 25 & 26th, Dolan stated that if you are a commissioner your registration and hotel is paid for. Althaus will send out the information that is needed for registration once she gets it.

Watersheds

- A. Middle Cedar –
- B. Maquoketa Watershed –
- C. Upper Wapsi –

District Conservationist Report – Evan Ronnebaum, District Conservationist

- EQIP – We only had one contract that was approved – Cultural Resources will need to be completed.
- CSP – Deadline is this coming Friday, and right now we have only 2
- CRP – Everything has been looked at and completed for review.
- QAR (Quality Assurance Review) Sharyn and Candice have completed it.

Ragbrai update – since the last day falls on a Saturday, they have communicated that they want Buchanan to share with Black Hawk County on Friday. Shaffer Ridgeway, DC, is trying to locate a spot close to Buchanan that will work. The commissioners asked about the possibility of a location around the Fairbank area, Evan stated that he has been looking for a location, but it all depends on Black Hawk. Evan stated that he would be communicating with them on what the game plan is.

IA Department of Ag and Land Stewardship –

NACD – nothing currently

District Activities

A. Tree Sale Update –

Went over the final numbers of the tree sale, which includes all income, expenses, and sales tax. We cleared \$2,205.17.

Also, it was discussed about FY26 Tree Sale if the commissioners wanted to do it again next year, because Althaus would like to get the trees ordered. The commissioners agreed to do it again as a fundraiser.

It was also discussed to get Chris Eibey, Delaware County Commissioner, who picked up our trees to get him a token of appreciation. It was decided to get him a gift card from Casey's in the amount of \$100.00.

25-85 Motion by Cocking to get a \$100.00 gift card for Chris Eibey for picking up our trees. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

B. Education and Outreach – Color Book Regarding Pollination – Althaus priced them, the total comes to \$390.00. This was approved at the May meeting to purchase.

C. Buchanan County Fair – Watermelon Feed – Saturday, July 19th at 10:30 a.m. Dolan will pick up the watermelons.

D. On July 24th, Evan and I were asked to speak at an open house that Dylan and Greg Fangman are hosting at 5:30 p.m. They would like us to go over our programs that we offer at our office.

Conservation Plans – None currently.

Other Items –

Our next commissioner's meeting is scheduled for July 22nd at 2:00 p.m. here at the USDA Office.

Adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

25-85 Motion by Cocking to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.


Chairman

7-22-25
Date


Secretary

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