MINUTES
OF
THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
Independence, IA
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026
At
USDA Office, Independence, IA
11:30 a.m.

Those present were:
Commissioners
Sean Dolan
Tim Halligan
Becky Lindsay
Dale Priebe
Absent: Cameron Cocking

Staff & Others
Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant

Organizational Meeting

Election of Officers

Election of Chair –

26-35 Motion by Dolan nominated Becky Lindsay as Chairperson. Seconded by Priebe. Lindsay denied the position.
26-36 Motion by Lindsay nominated Cameron Cocking as Chairperson. Seconded by Priebe. Dolan moved that nominations cease. Motion was carried for Cameron Cocking to be Chair of the Buchanan County Soil and Water Conservation District. New Chair is Cameron Cocking.

Election for Vice Chair-

26-37 Motion by Lindsay nominated Dale Priebe. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried. Vice Chair is Dale Priebe.

Election of Treasurer –

26-38 Motion by Lindsay nominated Tim Halligan. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried. Treasurer is Tim Halligan.

Election o Co-Treasurer

26-39 Motin by Dolan nominated Becky Lindsay. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried. Co-Treasurer is Becky Lindsay.

Election or Secretary
26-40 Motion by Dolan nominated Julie Althaus. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried. Secretary is Julie Althaus

2026 Financial Policies Checklist

The 2026 Financial Policies Checklist was reviewed, and any questions were answered. All commissioners will sign, and date is at the 1/20/26 Commissioners meeting. Cocking was absent.

Individuals Assigned to the Signature Card

It was discussed by the District Board who should be on the signature card.
26-41 Motion by Dolan to be removed rom the signature card. Becky Lindsay will be added to the signature card, along with Cameron Cocking and Timothy Halligan. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Appointment of Recipient to Receive Copies of the Bank Statement

26-42 Motion by Linday to have Sean Dolan receive the copy o the monthly bank statement. Seconded by Tim Halligan. Motion carried.

Appointment of Assistant Commissioners

26-43 Motion by Dolan to appoint Linda Walthart and Doug Kaiser as Assistant commissioners. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

26-44 Motion by Dolan to pay mileage or our assistant commissioners. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

Set Date to Update Signature Card
Althaus suggested that update the signature card at NSB ollowing the meeting on 1/20/26. This way the minutes would be approved and signed by the Chair.

Review of the Buchanan SWCD District Policies

The policies were reviewed the ollowing will be updated-

- Cost Share/IFIP Projects

26-45 Motion by Dolan to raise the cap on IFIP Cost Share to $25,000.00. Seconded by Halligan. Motion carried.

26-46 Motion by Lindsay to start recording the maintenance agreements. The fee will be on the landowner that owns the land and doing the practice. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Regarding Summer Incentive add per acre, following $200.00 in the motion of 09-58.

Review of 5 Year Plan

Althaus will get updates off to CDI, to get this updated with the changes from last year.

- Need to add Devin Stortz with Ducks Unlimited.
- Add Sean as President of Conservation Districts of Iowa.
- Plan a tour at Lisa and Travis Mestad's Property

On the, January 20, 2026, Meeting Althaus will have Commissioner Maps ready to initial and date.

26-47 Motion by Dolan to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Seconded Lindsay. Motion carried.

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Chairman Date Secretary Date