MINUTES OF THE BUCHANAN SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
INDEPENDENCE, IA
Wednesday, July 22, 2026
1:30 p.m. at the Independence Field Office

Those in attendance were:

Commissioners
Cameron Cocking, Chair
Dale Priebe, Vice Chair
Tim Halligan, Treasurer *
Becky Lindsay, Co-Treasurer
Sean Dolan, Recipient of Bank Statement
*Absent from Meeting

Linda Walthart, Assistant Commissioner *

Staff & Others
Julie Althaus, Conservation Assistant
Evan Ronnebaum, District Conservationist*

The meeting was called to order by Cocking at 1:30 p.m.

Adopt Agenda
Cocking called to adopt the agenda.
27-01 Motion by Dolan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Guests –
None at this time

Approval of Monthly Meeting Minutes dated June 17, 2026
Cocking called for the approval of June 17, 2026, Monthly Meeting Minutes.
27-02 Motion by Priebe to approve the monthly meeting minutes of June 17, 2026, Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Bills to Be Paid-

- Review of the Bank Reconciliations for June 30, 2026, and TR, along with bills to be paid.

27-03 Motion by Lindsay to approve June 30, 2026, TR – with bills to be paid. Seconded by Dolan. Motion carried.

Commissioner Expenses

3rd Qtr. FY26	
Cocking, Cameron	$74.00
Dolan, Sean	$154.10
Halligan, Tim	$62.00
Lindsay, Becky	$91.00
Dale Priebe	$62.00
Office Supplies-Postage	$107.00
Total for 3rd Qtr.	$550.10

4th Qtr. FY26

Cocking, Cameron	$55.50
Dolan, Sean	$83.40
Halligan, Tim	$12.40
Lindsay, Becky	$48.50
Priebe, Dale	$47.50
Office Supplies-Postage	$7.76
Total for 4th Qtr.	$255.06

27-04 Motion by Dolan to approve the last 2 Qtrs. Of Commissioner Expenses for the FY26. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

FARMS Cost Share Update

FARMS Ledgers Remaining Balances, as of July 20, 2026 –

IFIP - $25,379.00
REAP F/NG - $2,996.49
REAP P - $10,589.45

FARMS **Cost Share Applications** –

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
139966	Alber, Nate	WQI	Cover Crops	$6,400.00	$3,200.00	Approve
140788	Halligan, Timothy	WQI	Cover Crops	$6,400.00	$3,200.00	Approve

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

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action

FARMS **Amendment**

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action

FARMS **Cancellation** Cost Share Projects & Maintenance Agreements * Explain Situation

Practice #	Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
102681	Patrick Hoover	IFIP	Grassed Waterway	$6,443.25	$3,221.62	Approve
114804	Thompson, Mark	REAP	Windbreak			Cancel
115529	Waskow, Steven	REAP	Forest Stand Improvement	$4,224.00	$3,168.00	Cancel

27-05 Motion made by Priebe to approve cost share applications and cancellations. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

CDI –

- Reminded commissioners of the upcoming conference on August 24th through August 26th.
- The resolution ballots have been submitted. Dolan went over the resolutions that needed more discussion and explained them.
- Dolan also stated that NACD's Summer Conference was attended by TC Loving and Jeri Thornsberry up in Michigan.

Watersheds

A. Middle Cedar – Mary Beth Stevenson – Althaus was unable to get on conference call.

B. Maquoketa Watershed – Althaus asked if anyone got hired yet for the position that was open.

C. Upper Wapsi – There was a lot of discussion, had the election of the board of chairs, it stayed the same as it was. There will be an upcoming field day, stay tuned.

District Conservationist Report – Evan Ronnebaum, DC – None at this time

IA Dept. of Agriculture and Land Stewardship – New Fiscal Year will start on July 1, 2026.

780 Hr. Position Update – Scanned the applications to Bobby Kuennen, he will be doing the interviews, since this employee will be a state employee.

Website and Facebook – Althaus will try to get this updated as soon as she can. She stated that she will try her best to get this updated, definitely need to get Sean and Sara Dolan on there for being the recipient of the Bob Wergin Family Award.

Watermelon Feed – The Watermelon Feed was a success! It didn't seem as busy as it has been before. It was suggested to change the number of watermelons to 15 for 2027.

Initial and Date District Financial Policies Annual Check List

Conservation Plans – 44
27-06 Motion by Lindsay to approve the conservation plans. Seconded by Priebe. Motion carried.

Other Items –

Shane Wulf called he gave me an update on Tim Halligan's potential wetland project being explored. Also, asked if the commissioners would be interested in holding a field day next spring. It was asked if we could look at the possibility of August or September. Priebe and Cocking stated that they liked that idea.

Fabric Machine has been in use, so do we want to hang on to it yet? May just sit on it until spring.

The cow tank was discussed and Priebe stated that he may be interested in it. If not, we can always put it on Market Place. Althaus stated that we have no use for it now.

Our next commissioner's meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th, at 1:30 p.m.

Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

27-07 Motion by Priebe to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried.

Chairman 7-23-26 Date

Secretary 7/22/26 Date