

**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**April 4, 2017  
TIME 6:00 p.m.  
MINUTES**

Those attending

Commissioners: Don Elsbernd, Josh Dee, Mike McCormick, and Mike O'Hare

Staff: Sara Berges, LuAnn Rolling, Brianne Wild, Megan Waechter

The monthly meeting of the Allamakee Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners was called to order at 6:08 p.m. at the Allamakee USDA Service Center in Waukon by Vice Chairman Don Elsbernd.

**1. Adopt Agenda.**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Dee and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Approve minutes from March**

A motion to approve the minutes from February was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously

**3. Approve Financial Report and bills from March**

**\$51.00-Paint Creek Nursery**

**\$59.96- Village Farm & Home- boots for Field day**

**\$8.56-Dollar General-Posters for Field Day**

**A motion to approve the financial report and bills was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Rolling**

**Rolling reported we had 46 applications for EQIP they are ranked and ready for obligation. We had 14 CSP applications 10 went all the way to be funded and we will know tomorrow who will get funding. CRP checks we have 42 check of 154 that are re-enrolling. We have some buffer layouts to do and otherwise we have no terrace jobs and 2 waterways. We are doing the 4<sup>th</sup> session of our Soil Health program this Friday and this will be the last one until mid summer.**

**B. Leopold Grant Report**

**Reimbursement Request from Leopold Center for \$2,927.25**

**Tama County Women, Land and Legacy asked me to present at an evening meeting sometime August 21-25 about incorporating conservation into a lease agreement. They would reimburse mileage.**

Sara reported that she is doing a cover crop field day this week. She continues to put articles in the paper. She was asked to do an elementary career day for k-5 in Postville. She has helped with EQIP doing maps and plans. She continues to update the website. She was also asked to speak at a lease meeting in Tama and would like to know if the commissioners would approve her going to speak at that.

A motion to approve the reimbursement request was made by Dee and seconded by O'hare the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve going to the Tama meeting to speak was made by McCormick and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **C. Scholarships**

- 1. Award winners Carmen Wille, Christa Heffern, and Erika Johnson**
- 2. Awards Presentation Tuesday May 9, 7:00 p.m.**
  - a. \$1,500- Allamakee Scholarship Fund pay by April 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - b. Who will be presenting the award?**

A motion to approve the award winners and writing the check for dollars for scholars was made by McCormick and seconded by O'hare the motion carried unanimously.

Brianne will ask Jack if he can present the award for the awards banquet.

#### **D. Conservation Education Day- Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>**

- 1. Meal- Pizza instead of sack lunches?**
- 2. Volunteers for Canoe Station**
- 3. 90 Trees- \$51.00 Paint Creek Nursery**
- 4. Supplies for NRCS/SWCD station – making “dirt” cups with food to highlight different soil components**

A motion to approve buying pizza, trees, and supplies for the conservation education day was made by McCormick and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Postville K-5 Career Day on April 20 –Sara is requesting to present with Megan**

- 1. Supplies – cups, potting soil, cover crop seed for 50 students**

A motion to approve getting supplies and presenting at the Postville career day was made by McCormick and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. Conservation Education Tattoo Order – 1250 tattoo's \$37.50**

A motion to approve ordering the tattoo's was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **C. Conservation Farmer of the Year Award**

Greg Palmer was nominated by another producer for the conservation farmer of the year award that CDI puts out every year. All information is filled out and

**ready to be submitted to CDI. We would also like to give him our district Conservation Leader award.**

**D. IDALS Buffer letter**

**This is just a letter to send to producer on DNR ground that if the DNR plants trees before the 5 years is up they will have to pay back entire amount.**

**Assistance Request**

Dan Lyons-Buffers 7.2 ac. Estimated Cost- \$2,220.00  
Daylen Regan-Low Interest Loan-\$63,928.35  
Daylen Regan-Low Interest Loan-\$33,840.96  
Daylen Regan-low Interest Loan-\$54,803.63  
Brad Berns-Waterway-Estimated Cost-\$2,345.00 Cost-Share-\$1,172.50  
Brad Berns-Waterway-Estimated Cost-\$2,802.00 Cost-Share-\$1,401.00  
Josh Woods, Randy Wedo-Buffers-12.4 ac.Estimated Cost-\$3,720.00

A motion to approve the assistance requests was made by McCormick and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

**Plan Revisions**

Lonnie Martins for Mary Metille(t5854)- 45.5 ac.  
Lonnie Martins for Mary Metille(t401)-75.3  
Nick Jones for Todd Jones(t286)- 11.6 ac.  
Josh Woods& Randy Wedo for Virgil Thorstenson(t609)- 147.3 ac.  
John Ruff on Everett Jones (t618) – 83.4 ac

A motion to approve the plan revisions was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

**Sodbust**

Todd Corwin for Garin Estate (t1760)- 4.1 ac.-ok to approve  
Tom Cota-(T7354)-11 ac.-Does not meet requirements

A motion to approve the sodbusts was made by Dee and seconded by O'Hare. McCormick abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**CRP New**

Thomas & Caroll Schreiber-83.04 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Tom McCabe-17.79 ac.-Does not meet  
Tom McCabe-16.92-Does not meet  
Tom McCabe-33.38-Does not meet  
George Delaney-13.97-Does not meet  
Lyle Kurth-8.86 ac.-Does not meet  
Dan Kruse-1.0 ac.-Does not meet

Keith Meyer-4.03 ac.-Does not meet  
Daryl Hansmeier-2.03-Does not meet  
Lonnie Achenbach-30.78-Does not meet  
Daryl Hansmeier,Dian Berns,Dawn Heimer, David Hansmeier, Gary Ward-33.6 ac. Does not meet

A motion to approve the CRP's that meet requirements and send a letter to those that don't was made by Dee and seconded by O'Hare. McCormick abstained from voting. The motion carried.

### **CRP Re-enrolls**

Ronald & Teresa Snitker-1.28 ac.-ok to approve  
Ron & Roseann Fedler-2.03 ac.-ok to approve  
Monica & Kenneth McGeough-9.36 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Gary & Debra Grotegut-22.91 ac.-ok to approve

A motion to approve the crp's that meet requirements and send letters to the one's that don't was made by McCormick and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EQIP**

Daryl Hansmeier- Pasture  
McCormick Farms LLC-Pasture  
Regancrest Crop Operations-Cover Crop  
Greg Conway-Cover Crop  
Nick Rolling-Cover Crop  
Scott Ness-Cover Crop  
Don Elsbernd-Cover Crop

A motion to approve all EQIP's was made by O'hare and seconded by Dee. McCormick and Elsbernd abstained from voting on their own. The motion carried.

Misc

Next Meeting Date: May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 p.m. if raining otherwise possible phone meeting.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman, Jack Knight

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Conservation Assistant, Brianne Wild