

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

August 1, 2017

TIME 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Those attending

Commissioners: Jack Knight, Don Elsbernd, Mike McCormick and Mike O'Hare

Staff: LuAnn Rolling, Brianne Wild, Sara Berges

The monthly meeting of the Allamakee Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Allamakee USDA Service Center in Waukon by Chairman Jack Knight.

1. Adopt Agenda.

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

2. Approve minutes from July

A motion to approve the minutes from July was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried unanimously

3. Approve Financial Report and bills from June

\$42.00-Waukon Standard (Annual subscription)

\$190.00- Hacker & Nelson

A motion to approve the financial report and bills from July were made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Rolling

Rolling reported that Megan's last day was last Friday she received a lateral transfer to Kansas. NRCS is currently under a hiring freeze so it might be some time before we are able to hire a replacement for her. The office has been working on CRP's and we are now done. There were upwards of 160 contracts that needed to have field checks and most needed a second field check. Plans have been done and signed for approval.

For EQIP we received 3 more applications for funding and possibly 2 more that are still waiting for funding we have submitted. On the books for next years EQIP applications are 2- winter feeding stations with pasture practices, 3 pasture plans, and 8 streambanks. The first batching date is Oct 1st of this year.

B. Leopold Grant Report

1. Reimbursement Request from Leopold Center for \$1,952.50

Berges reported on her Leopold Grant. In August we are having a pasture field day with guest speakers, Doug Peterson, Denis Schwab, and Megan Erickson. We sent the information out by mail to 50 producers and had an article in the paper. We set up the fairbooth again this year. And we had 16 cover crop sign up's our winner was Leo Conway. And 60 T-shirt sign ups and multiple winners.

Photo contest pictures will be put up in the library for the month of August.

The soil cups that are left over from the fairbooth Berges reported she will do a presentation with the kids and have them plant their cover crop seed.

Berges was asked to present in Tama county on Aug 22. To the women land and legacy for leases. They will cover the mileage and speaker fee for us.

RCPP- is currently at national office and we think that may be waiting for our senator to announce, assuming it get's approved.

A motion to approve the reimbursement and report for sara was made by Elsbernd, and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Allie Rath Pheasants Forever Funding- Table until Shawn Dettman can come and speak.

D. CRP Meeting Aug. 2nd 10am-12pm and 7-9 pm @ FMSB-FYI

E. August 23rd Pasture Field Day 9:30 – 11:30 Soil Health 1:00-3:30

1. Present award to Greg & Eric Palmer- Don will present

F. Palmar Amaranth Letters Sent out 113

NEW BUSINESS

A. Postage-District

A motion to approve buying 1 roll of stamps for our postage was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Order Checks for Payroll Acct.

A motion to approve buying checks for the payroll and 1M accounts was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistance Request

Nick Rolling-Waterways-Estimated Cost-\$1,050.00 Cost-Share-\$525.00
Bill Adam-Terraces-Estimated Cost-\$15,200.00 Cost-Share-\$7,600.00
Norbert Palmer-Waterways-Estimated Cost-\$1,290.00 Cost-Share-\$645.00
Brian Streeper-Waterways-Estimated Cost-\$1,477.50 Cost-Share-\$738.75
Gav-N-View-Pond-Estimated Cost-\$14,500.00 Cost-Share-\$7,250.00
Matt Burrichter-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$450.00
Derek Bentien-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$2,400.00
Chad Hawes-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$1,375.00
McNalley Farms-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$1,680.00
Bobby Schultz-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$1,350.00

A motion to approve the assistance requests was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment Requests

Dunning Family Farms Estimated Cost-\$1,017.50 Actual Cost-\$1,190.00 Cost-Share-\$508.75
Actual Cost-Share-\$595.00

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

Completed Projects

Dunning Family Farms-Eligible Cost-\$ 1,190.00 Cost-Share-\$595.00
Jeff Huinker-Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$1,830.00
Jeff Huinker-Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$3,630.00

A motion to approve the completed projects was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

CRP

Daniel & Dennis Lyons, Tara Stein- 16.54 ac. – ok to approve
Jack Jonkman-25.7 ac.-ok to approve
Michael Kluesner- 73.22 ac.—Does not meet requirements
Michael Kluesner- 0.83 ac.- ok to approve
Michael Kluesner- 14.11 ac.—Does not meet requirements
Clark Kolsrud-2.97 ac.-ok to approve
Lisa Sadowski- 22.29 ac.- Does not meet requirements
Lisa Sadowski-4.61 ac.- Does not meet requirements
Jeff Polfer- 35.01 ac.-ok to approve
Jeff Polfer- 10.06 ac. Does not meet requirements
Tom Heim-41.84 ac.-Does not meet requirements

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

CSP

Brady Kruger
Scott Ness

A motion to approve the CSP plans was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

EQIP

Torrie Moses- Cover Crop
Virginia Johnson- Streambank
Ken Jones- Streambank

A motion to approve the EQIP plans was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. McCormick abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

Plan Revisions

Richard Wild-68 ac.
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JB Realty- 135 ac.
Wayne Weber-60 ac.
Joe Egan- 10 ac.

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

Misc

Next Meeting Date: Sept 6 at 6:00 p.m.
Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. was made by McCormick and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.



Chairman, Jack Knight

Conservation Assistant, Brianne Wild