

# ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 6, 2017

TIME 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

## Those attending

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

Staff: Sara Berges, LuAnn Rolling, Brianne Wild

The monthly meeting of the Allamakee Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners was called to order at 6:10 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 Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Approve minutes from May**

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

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

- a. **\$108.00-Northeast Iowa RC&D – website hosting**
- b. **\$112.71-Quillins- Cons Ed Day & Career Day Supplies**
- c. **\$50.00-WW Homestead Dairy-Gift Certificates Photo Contest Winners**
- d. **\$42.77-Casey's General Store Pizza Cons. Ed Day**
- e. **\$100.00-Hacker & Nelson Payroll**

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

## OLD BUSINESS

### **A. Allie Rath Pheasants Forever**

Allie reported on her project as of March next month she will give an updated version, See attached for her report.

### **B. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Rolling**

Rolling reported that Megan will be gone for the next month doing training in Nebraska. CRP's we have a spreadsheet that Brianne created to help keep track of all of them that we have so we know where at in the process of approval we are. We are going to start doing soil health visits to those people who signed up for cover crop through state and federal cost-share. We had 36 total EQIP applications and of those about 28 are cover crops and about 15 state cover crop applications. These applications are totally about \$300,000 and 2700 acres being treated. There are also several

streambanks that are waiting to see if they will get funding. We are setting up a Soil Health Field Day on Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **C. Leopold Grant Report**

- 1. Reimbursement Request from Leopold Center for \$2515.94**
- 2. Request to transfer funds from Board of Supervisors and \$1000 from unspecified or Agri fine to Sara's Salary line to cover 1 day/week through August – not sure when RCPP funds would start**

ISU is taking over the Leopold Center projects. Leopold Center wrote a letter of support for the RCPP project stating that the Leopold funds could be used as match, so they will continue our funding. We assume it will continue through the original time of 2019. Not sure who will actually administer the funds either the college of Ag. Or Nutrient Research Center. Jake Groth is doing some test trials on cover crops such as planting corn into the Rye. He is also trying different seeding rates and different seeding times. Berges continues to put articles in the paper there was one on cover crops and also updated info on the website. This last month we participated in Conservation Education Day and did edible soil cups, which the kids seemed to really enjoy.

A motion to approve the reimbursement and to transfer funds in the amount stated was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

### **D. Civil Rights Responsibilities**

**A motion to approve the updated Civil Rights Responsibilities was made by O'Hare and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **E. Yellow River Agreement**

**A motion to approve the yellow river agreement was made by O'hare and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Fair booth \$105.00**
  - a. Have kids plant cover crop seeds in clear cups? We have soil left from Postville Career Day and seed from the area agronomist. Just need more clear cups (~\$10-\$15)**
  - b. prizes**

**A motion to approve getting the fairbooth this year and also the cups for the kids to plant some cover crop seed and also having the prize of \$150 towards**

**the cover crop seed again this year was made by O'Hare and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 2. New Ag Leader paralleling machine – how to mount? Will take to Don later in the summer and have him look at how to attach it.**
- 3. Petty Cash \$30**  
**A motion to approve adding to the petty cash was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.**
- 4. CDI Conference July 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> registration due June 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Brianne will get the registration ready for Don to go.**
- 5. RC&D Donation asking \$2,000.00**
  - f. Last year did \$1,000- Unspecified Funds**

**A motion to table the discussion until next month was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.**

- 1. Watershed Inspections-**
  - g. Dates June 19,26 or 30 at 1:00 p.m.**

**A motion to do the watershed inspections on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.**

**7. Kubota Trailer Lights**

**A motion to get the Kubota trailer lights fixed if under \$50 was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Assistance Request**

**Koal Deering-Wylo Wagner-Buffers Estimated Cost-\$1,500.00**

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

**Amendment Request**

**Randy Wedo-Campbell-Original-\$5,160.00 New-\$6,030.00**

**Chad Hawes-Original-\$3,000.00 new-\$3,600.00**

**A motion to approve the amendment requests was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Completed Projects**

Maury Mooney-Waterway-Eligible Cost-\$1,662.50 Cost-Share-\$831.25  
Randy Wedo-Campbell Farm-Buffers-Eligible Cost-\$6,030.00  
Randy Wedo/Josh Woods-Thorstenson Farm-Eligible Cost-\$3,720.00  
Gary Hibben-TSI-Eligible Cost-\$814.00 Cost-Share-\$600.00  
Chad Hawes-Buffers-Eligible Cost-\$3,600.00

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

### **Plan Revisions**

C&M Ventures-Adam Martins TIP-12.7 ac.  
Maureen Wagner-Koal Deering TIP- 181.5 ac.  
Ryan Christianson-63.2 ac.

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

### **Sodbust**

Tony Baxter-2.5 ac.-ok to approve

A motion to approve the sodbust was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

### **EQIP**

Kevin Bentien-Cover Crop  
Blake Family Partnership LLP-Streambank  
Gav-N-View Farm Inc-Cover Crop  
Tom Gavin-Cover Crop  
Daryl Hansmeier-Pasture & Streambank  
Arthur Hooten-Streambank  
Dan Lyons-Cover Crop  
Jason Menne-Cover Crop  
David Schulte- Streambank  
Brian Streeper- Pasture  
Dutch Charley LLC- Cover Crop  
Crossroads Dairy-Cover Crop  
Scott Ness- Cover Crop

A motion to approve the EQIP's was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

### **CRP Re-Enrolls**

Judith & Arvin Koopman-67.75 ac.-Does not meet  
Toby & Jean Burrichter-1.21 ac.-Ok to approve  
Leo Hawes-42.28 ac.- Does not meet  
Yvonne Brandt-7.84 ac.-ok to approve  
Schmadeke, Beverly- 16.86 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Brian Sweeney-25.47 ac.-ok to approve  
Charles Hall-53.03 ac.-Does not meet  
John Broz-32.35 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
C&M Ventures LLC-13.85 ac.-ok to approve  
Rick Boeckenstedt-7.3 ac.-ok to approve  
Indian Hills Farm LLC-78.4 ac. Does not meet requirements  
Sue Cahoon-42.5 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Loren Miller-10.68 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
David D Martin-23.84 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Henry Hemesath- 1.97 ac.-Ok to approve  
Gaylen Fruechte-0.6 ac.-ok to approve  
Gaylen Fruechte- 3.67 ac.-ok to approve  
Alex Galema-48.2 ac.-ok to approve  
Alex Galema- 3.76 ac.- ok to approve  
Eugene Mueller- 5.57 ac.-ok to approve  
Eugene Mueller- 2.36 ac.-Does not meet  
Eugene Mueller-69.79 ac. Does not meet  
Rosemary Bodensteiner- 5.22 ac.-ok to approve  
Kirk Hilsabeck- 8.42 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Todd Hanson- 41.58 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Oberfoell Properties LLC- 7.45 ac.- ok to approve  
Randy Petersburg- 12.88 ac0-Does not meet requirements  
David Kubik-27.63 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Clark Kerndt- 14.3 ac.- Does not meet requirements  
John Tangen-70.09 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Robert Jenkins- 79.9 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Steve Hawes- 79.41 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Andrew Wagner-15.96 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Maureen Wagner- 2.2 ac-ok to approve  
Holder Virginia- 8.8 ac.ok to approve  
Eugene Herman- 9.9 ac.ok to approve  
Ted Hooten- 96.23 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Roger Tieskoetter- 44.8 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Nancy Grangaard Rev. Trust- 79.62 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Lyle Wilkes- 29.46 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
Les Livingood- 12.93 ac.-Does not meet requirements  
James Foley- 214.22 ac. Does not meet requirements

Lee Gavle- 21.16 ac.-Does not meet requirements

A motion to approve the CRP Re-enrolls that meet requirements and send letters to the ones that don't was made by Dee and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

**CRP-New**

David Schwarz-2.71 ac.-Does not meet requirements

Max Marzen- 1.69 ac.- Does not meet requirements

Kendine Enterprises-5.98 ac.-ok to approve

A motion to approve the new CRP's that meet requirements and send letters to the ones that don't was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried.

Misc

Next Meeting Date: July 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 P.M. was made by ELsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

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Chairman, Jack Knight

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Conservation Assistant, Brianne Wild