

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

May 2, 2017

TIME 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Those attending

Commissioners: Jack Knight, 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 6:03 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 Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve minutes from April

A motion to approve the minutes from April was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously

3. Approve Financial Report and bills from March

\$243.96- S.E.W.-District Shirts

\$505.00-Hacker & Nelson- Payroll since Jan.

\$5.00-West Side Garage-Trailer light

\$33.99-Quillins food for field day-Leopold Funds

\$25.55-Shopko-supplies for career day

\$7.02-Dollar General-conservation education day supplies

A motion to approve the financial report and bills from April were made by Elsbernd and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Rolling

Rolling reported that Construction is underway on Waterways for Mooney and Dunning Family farms. We had 1 terrace project scheduled for spring and they cancelled. We are on round 2 for EQIP and have gotten little or not approvals this year which is unusual for us. All of our CSP's got approved. There has been lots of interest in streambanks we currently have 6 people waiting for survey's. We have 3 pasture plans, 5 waterway designs, 10 cover crops for state WQI all waiting to get approval.

B. Leopold Grant Report

1. **Reimbursement Request from Leopold Center for \$2,712.82**
2. **Cover Crop Field Day-\$100 Cooperator Fee from Leopold Grant to Derek Bentien, Scott Ness, Mike Johanningmeier**

The Leopold program is being defunded and given to the nutrient reduction. We are not sure at this time what will happen if they will keep the project going or if funding will be done as of July 1st. This could also potentially affect the RCPP funding that we have been granted because we used the Leopold funding as match. Sara had a cover crop field day. 18 people attended and they drove to 3 sites and just went by 2 others. She continues to write articles in the Waukon Standard every week. Her and Megan also attended the Postville career day for grades K-5. They had kids plant cover crop seeds and explained to them the different components of the soil.

C. Conservation Education Day THIS Thursday 9-12 FYI

NEW BUSINESS

A. Cost-Sharing on erosion control blankets for waterways

Rolling talked about seeing if the commissioners would be willing to require erosion control blankets on fall constructed waterways and be able to add them to the cost-share. The commissioners said that they would not make it mandatory for anyone constructing fall terraces to put in the erosion control blankets but if they do not they have to put some kind of mulch down in order for us to cost-share on it.

A motion to approve this as a policy for waterways built in the fall was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Photo contest – pick winner(s) Commissioners voted to give all applicants a \$10 gift certificate to WW Homestead Dairy and a District t-shirt. A motion was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

C. CDI requesting donation for Ragbrai booth \$125.00 and any volunteers that would be willing to be at it.

The commissioners decided not to fund the Ragbrai booth the motion was made by McCormick and seconded by O'Hare. Elsbernd abstained from voting. The motion carried.

**D. High School Scholarship Awards Presentation May 9th 7:00 p.m.
Jack will present the award for the scholarships.**

E. Conservation leader award

We had another applicant that was nominated it was George Beardmore. We will give him our conservation Leader award and get his name put on the sign and put the sign up in his yard. A motion to approve this was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistance Request

Chad Hawes Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$2,700.00

Jeff Huinker-Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$1,830.00

Jeff Huinker on Daryl Schultz-Estimated Cost-\$3,630.00

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

Completed Projects

Dave Prestemon-TSI- Eligible Cost-\$5,272.50 Cost-Share-\$3,420.00

Tim Johnson-TSI-Eligible Cost-\$6,552.00 Cost-Share-\$3,864.00

Tim Johnson-TSI-Eligible Cost-\$2,394.00 Cost-Share-\$1,795.50

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

EQIP

Adam Quandahl-Cover Crop

Brad Winkie-Cover Crop

Elmo Hagen-Windbreak

John Ruff-Cover Crop

DJ Keehner Farms-Cover Crop

Robert Thompson-Cover Crop

Cody Meyer-Cover Crop

Kruse Family Farms LLP-Pasture

Dutch Charley Co.-Cover Crop

Dan Martins-Cover Crop

Matt Byrnes- Cover Crop

Derek Bentien-Cover Crop

Jim Regan-Cover Crop

Dan Byrnes-Cover Crop

Adam Anderson-Cover Crop

Brad Berns-Cover Crop

Robert Thompson-Cover Crop

Crossroads Dairy LLC-Cover Crop

Scott Dougherty-Cover Crop

Kevin Fossum-Cover Crop

Kaare Sanness-Cover Crop

Drew Martins-Cover Crop

Timmie Moses-Cover Crop

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

CSP

Roger Brainard
Brian Streeper
Jeff Huinker
Brian Piphoo
Brady Kruger
Nate Gebel
Reggie Frielinger
Steve Kiley
Ryan Collins

A motion to approve the CSP's was made by Elsbernd and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

Plan Revisions

Dan Lyons for Gary Hammel (T6185)-12.5 ac.
Elmo Hagen-(t8138)-6.56 ac.

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

Sodbust

Wayne Schmeidan- 9.6 ac. Does not meet requirements

A motion to send a letter to the sodbust application because it does not meet the policy requirements was made by O'Hare and seconded by Elsbernd. McCormick abstained from voting. The motion carried unanimously.

CRP-re-enrolls

Jacob Hart-38.63 ac.-Does not meet requirements
Loren Hartley-2.12 ac.-ok to approve
Lawrence Beard-11.02 ac.-does not meet requirements
Lowell Engle-6.51 ac. ok to approve
Lonnie Martins-3.21—Does not meet requirements
Oswald Goettler-30.84 ac.-ok to approve
Leo Garin- 2.11 ac.-ok to approve
Garin Mississippi View Trust-188.11 ac.-Does not meet requirements
Eugene Mueller-5.57 ac.- ok to approve
Robert Joachim-30.03- Does not meet requirements

Wayne Schmeidan-148.14 ac.-Does not meet requirements
Kendall Techau-4.51 ac.- ok to approve
Donald Aldrich-46.15 ac.-ok to approve

A motion to approve the CRP's 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.

Misc
Next Meeting Date:
Adjourn

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

Chairman, Jack Knight

Conservation Assistant, Brianne Wild