

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

November 17, 2017

TIME 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Those attending

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

Staff: LuAnn Rolling and Brianne Wild

Guests: Allie Rath-Pheasants Forever Wildlife Biologist

The monthly meeting of the Allamakee Soil and Water Conservation District commissioners was called to order at 8:00 a.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 Elsbernd and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Approve minutes from October & September

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

3. Approve Financial Report and bills from September & October

\$446.94- Hacker & Nelson- Payroll Aug-Oct.

\$150.00- Leo Conway- Cover Crop Fair Booth Winner

\$850.00- CDI Dues

\$8.95- Notary Stamp

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Rolling

Rolling reported we have had quite a few buffer strips jobs that have been fairly large. We have been very busy with upcoming EQIP plans. We have set a few soil health class dates. One will be end of Dec. for kids that are in college that we are working with that are intending to come home and farm. We will also have 1 or two more sessions for people we did last year and also one for people we cost-shared on cover crops with. We have Jason Johnson coming up to do an article on Sara's project with the manure and cover crops and interview some of the people she has been working with.

B. Leopold/RCPP Grant Report

1. Reimbursement Request from Leopold Center for \$2,143.91

2. Letter requesting a dollar cap for specific RCPP practices

**A motion to approve Sara's report and her reimbursement was made by O'Hare and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.
A motion to approve the dollar cap for RCPP practices was made by Elsbernd and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.**

NEW BUSINESS

A. Allie Rath-Pheasants Forever

A motion to approve the agreement between Pheasants forever and the Allamakee SWCD was made by Elsbernd and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

B. NACD Donation Request

A motion to approve giving the same amount as last year (\$500) was made by Elsbernd and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Annual Newsletter in Nov. 1st newspaper

D. Groth Field Day Nov. 21st 12:30-2:30

E. No Tillage November

F. Cover Crop Acres – State- 2,004 ac. EQIP- 2,496.5 ac.=4,500.5 ac. total

G. State Cost-Share Audit

NEW BUSINESS

Assistance Request

Megan Leiran-Buffers-14.1 ac. Estimated Cost-\$4,320.00

Miller Lansing Trust-TSI-45 ac. Estimated Cost-\$7,200.00 Cost-Share-\$5,400.00

Curtis Kraus-Terraces-Estimated Cost-\$15,000.00 Cost-Share-\$7,500.00

Dennis Eder-Terraces-Estimated Cost-\$5,342.50 Cost-Share-\$2,671.25

Chase Pladsen-Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$9,000.00

Chase Pladsen-Waterways-Estimated Cost-\$12,000.00 Cost-Share-\$6,000.00

Donus Dee-Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$600.00

Dan Lyons-Buffers-Estimated Cost-\$1,620.00

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

Amendment Requests

Tom Place-TSI- Extending completion date from 10/5/2016 to 3/5/2018

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

Completed Projects

Holsinger Hunting Property LLC- TSI-Eligible Cost-\$3,400.00 Cost-Share-\$2,550.00

Peggy McNally-Cover Crop-112 ac.-Cost-Share-\$1,680.00

Nick Rolling-Cover Crop-65 ac. Cost-Share\$975.00

A motion to approve the completed project was made by Dee and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried.

Plan Revisions

Adam Wiemerslage- 20.9 ac.

Kathryn Cutin-17.6 ac.

James Homewood- 3.7 ac.

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

Misc

Next Meeting Date: Dec 5, 2017

Adjourn

Chairman, Jack Knight

Conservation Assistant, Brianne Wild