

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

September 5, 2017

TIME 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Those attending

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

Staff: Brianne Wild and Sara Berges

Guests: Shawn Dettman, NRCS AC

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 Vice Chairman Don Elsbernd.

1. Adopt Agenda.

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

2. Approve minutes from August

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

3. Approve Financial Report and bills from August

\$22.46- Quillins- Pasture Field Day Collins

\$117.72-Denise Schwab-Mileage Collins Field Day

\$21.00-Treasurer State of Iowa- Kubota Trailer Registration

\$187.00-Grinnell Mutual-Kubota Insurance

\$15.95-American Notary Supply- Brianne's New Stamp

\$24.55-Harlan Check Orders- 1M Acct. Check order

\$111.00-Main Street Checks-Payroll Acct. Checks

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Shawn Dettman- Area Conservationist- NRCS-

1.Pheasants Forever Funding

Shawn talked with the commissioners on some of the issue's they had regarding the Pheasants Forever asking for funding to put towards Allie's salary. After speaking with Shawn the commissioners decided to approve the newly drafted agreement and made a motion to approve it pending the ok from Pheasants forever as well. The motion to approve the 6 month contract with Pheasants Forever was made by McCormick and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Leopold Grant Report

- 1. Reimbursement Request from Leopold Center for \$2113.91**
- 2. Mileage payment to Denise Schwab (ISU) from Leopold Grant for \$117.72**
- 3. RCPP letter requesting Adjustment of Terms for Small Grain payment (328)**

Sara reported that she did a presentation at the library for students through the kids club that was about 15 kids ages 3rd to 6th grade. Also had a producer do an oats seeding with a red clover underseeding and was very happy with the results. On the 22nd Sara reported to the women landowners in Tama County on the lease project. On the 23rd we had a pasture walk at Ryan Collins and had Denise Schwab, and Doug Peterson come out and present on soils health and the effects grazing has on soil health. The county lease is up this year and they will be accepting bids soon. All of the waterways and headlands look good and the county asks for a conservation deposit at the beginning of the term and if every waterway and headland are still in tact and there are no issues you will get that deposit back at the end of the year. There has been lots of interest in pasture conversion and we are still waiting on RCPP to come through. Also we have to send in a letter of request to get the higher initiative rates.

A motion to approve the report, reimbursement, mileage payment, and RCPP letter of support was made by McCormick and seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Audit- Need 2 signatures

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

NEW BUSINESS

A. Yellow River Watershed Interviews 9:30 a.m. tomorrow-FYI

Assistance Request

Lars Palmer- Fish Farm- 12 ac.-\$3,600.00
Jeff Molitor-Pond-Estimated Cost-\$28,000.00 Cost-Share-\$14,000.00
HMML-Terraces-Estimated Cost-\$3,300.00 Cost-Share-\$1,650.00
Koal Deering-Wagner Farm-Waterways-Estimated Cost-\$15,275.20 Cost-Share-\$6,598.65
David Kruger-Home Farm-Waterways-Estimated Cost-\$11,711.20 Cost-Share-\$5,855.60
Clayton Welsh-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$3,000.00 Cost-Share-\$1,500.00
Clinton Welsh-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$3,000.00 Cost-Share-\$1,500.00
Creative Ag. Inc.-Cover Crop-Estimated Cost-\$4,800.00 Cost-Share-\$2,400.00
Jeff Mackeben-TSI-Estimated Cost-\$2,144.00 Cost-Share-\$1,608.00
Jack Jonkman-TSI-Estimated Cost-\$5,760.00 Cost-Share-\$4,320.00
Jean Huffey-TSI-Estimated Cost-\$3,200.00 Cost-Share-\$2,400.00
Don Lund-TSI-Estimated Cost-\$752.00 Cost-Share-\$564.00
Don Lund-TSI-Estimated Cost-\$528.00 Cost-Share-\$396.00
Gary Mezera-TSI-Estimated Cost-\$656.00 Cost-Share-\$492.00

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

Amendment Requests

Gav-N-View-Pond Original Estimated Cost-\$14,500.00 Cost Share-\$7,250.00
Actual Cost-\$15,724.24 Cost-Share-\$7,862.00

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

Completed Projects

Gav-N-View-Pond- Estimated Cost-\$15,724.24 Cost-Share-\$7,862.00

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

Plan Revisions

Megan Leiran-TIP- 55.1 ac
Richard Marti- 107 ac.
Dan Straate- 70 ac.
Alicia Cahoon-Eugene Cahoon Farm- 50 ac.
Lorraine Cornelius-84.7 ac.

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

Sodbust

McCormickTrucking- M. Foley Farm- 2.3 ac.

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

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Misc

Next Meeting Date: October 3, 2017

Adjourn

Chairman, Jack Knight

Conservation Assistant, Brianne Wild