

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
January 7, 2020
9:00 a.m.
MINUTES

1. Election of chairperson and vice-chairperson.

2020-1

A motion to re-elect Jack Knight as Chairman and Donald Elsbernd as Vice-Chair was made by O'Hare and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Appointment of treasurer and secretary.

2020-2

A motion to appoint Josh Dee as Treasurer and Michael O'Hare as Co-treasurer was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of commissioner responsibilities.

Commissioners responsibilities were discussed and reviewed by the board.

4. SWCD Memorandums of Understanding.

Memorandums of understanding were discussed and reviewed by the board

5. EEO/Civil Rights

The board discussed Equal opportunity employment and civil rights policies

6. Meeting Called to Order.

2020-3

A meeting was officially called to order at the Waukon Service Center by Chairman Jack Knight at 9:06 a.m.

7. Adopt Agenda.

2020-4

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

8. Approve minutes from December

2020-5

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

9. Approve Financial Report and bills from December

**\$98.00- Grinnell Mutual-Gator insurance
\$20.00-Petty cash replenish
\$55.00-USPS Stamps
\$11.61-Sara Berges Office supplies**

2020-6

A motion to approve the financial report and bills from December made by O'hare was seconded by Dee. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business

A. Planning Coordinator for CDI Katherine Hannigan

Katherine discussed with the commissioners her position and the start of the planning process for her to help the district develop their 5 year plan.

B. Commissioner Video #11 Soil & Water Conservation Resource Plan (5 year plan)

The commissioners watched the Commissioner Video #11 Soil and Water Conservation Resource Plan

C. New MOA Between USDA NRCS and SWCD & IDALS

The commissioners watched the video on the New MOA between USDA NRCS and SWCD and IDALS

D. Adopt Financial Policies for 2020

2020-6

The commissioners reviewed the annual and monthly financial policies and Dee made a motion to adopt the policies for 2020 and O'hare seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Soil Loss Limits Adoption

Commissioners would like Neil Sass to come and explain in more detail the reason for the changes.

F. Commissioner Terms Expiring-FYI

- a. Josh Dee
- b. Mike McCormick
- c. Mike O'Hare

G. 4 County Soil Health Day Request \$500

2020-7

A motion to approve giving \$500 to the Clayton County SWCD for their Soil Health Day was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Turkey River Management Authority- Asking \$250 annually for Coordination and Technical Assistance

2020-7

The commissioners discussed the request for donation and decided to NOT support this cause at this time. A motion to not donate to the turkey river was made by McCormick and seconded by Elsbernd. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Rolling

Rolling reported the General CRP sign up is going on until the end of February. We have over 200 people who have expressed interest. We are meeting with people before they sign offers to make sure they are aware of what will be expected of them in the next ten years of the CRP to establish and maintain their CRP properly. We have a new planning program called Conservation Desktop and are currently getting training on how to use it. So far EQIP and CSP have have no deadlines for. Due to descent weather we have been able to do some streambanks and get them completed and also some surveys as well.

B. CIG Grant

We are having a producer meeting on January 14th both a morning and afternoon meeting. We need 15 producers to do test plots the first year and we have about 30 people that are interested in getting more information about the project.

Assistance Requests

Ralph Plein-Buffers- 14.5 ac. \$4,350.00
Brad Winkie-Buffers—13.7 ac. \$4,111.00
Josh Dee-Buffers-22.8 ac. \$6,840.00

2020-8

A motion to approve the assistance request was made by Elsbernd and seconded by McCormick. Josh abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Completed Projects

John Schwartzhoff- Cover Crop-15 ac. \$375.00
Regancrest Crop Op. Cover Crop-80 ac. \$1,200.00
Gary Gunderson-Terraces-Eligible Cost- \$4,266.75 Cost-Share-\$2,133.37
Jim Byrnes-Terraces- TABLED

2020-9

A motion to approve the completed projects and table Jim Byrnes until next meeting when more information can be provided for overage costs. The motion was made by Dee and Seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Plans

Michael VanIten- 9.0 ac.

2020-10

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

Misc.

Next Meeting Date- February 4 @ 9a.m.

Adjourn

2020-11

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. was made by Dee and seconded by McCormick. The motion carried unanimously.