

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

April 11, 2023

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Those attending:

Commissioners: Don Elsbernd, Mike O'Hare, Scott Dougherty

Staff: Brianne Wild, Ben Cottrell

Meeting called to order.

Adopt Agenda.

2023-15

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

Approve minutes from March

2023-16

A motion to approve the meeting minutes from March was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Financial Report from March

\$126.00-Storey Kenworthy

\$678.92- Supreme Graphics

\$750.00-MFL Mar Mac Scholarship

\$2,250.00- Allamakee Scholarship Fund

2023-17

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Cottrell

Cottrell introduced himself and discussed with the commissioners the Inflation Reduction Act the 4 counties will receive a total of \$120,00.00 in funding. Compliance letters went out for checks that will be done. Update on RCPP and CSP contracts.

B. RCPP & CIG Update

RCPP -Annual Report Submitted

CIG-Final Report Submitted

Brianne reported that the RCPP annual report was done and not much to report due to our first year missing out on the funding from being approved to late in the year to make the ranking deadlines. For the second year we do have the potential to spend almost all of the RCPP funding that we have. We approved all first round applications and are wondering if we should approve all of the second rounds as well. If we do this most of the money will be spent in one year.

2023-18

A motion to approve funding all of the second round RCPP applications was made by O'hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

CIG is officially done reports have been submitted and we have received our last reimbursement.

C. Newsletter

- a. USPS Mailing_ \$351.45
- b. Storey & Kenworthy- labels, markers, note pads-\$126.02
- c. Supreme Graphics- \$678.92

The newsletter has been mailed out and donations have started to come in. These are the bills that were associated with the mailing.

D. Scholarships-

- a. MFL Monona High School May 10th @6:30 p.m.
MFL Marc Mac Dollars for Scholars-\$750.00
- b. Waukon High School May 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
Allamakee Scholarship Fund- \$2,250.00

2023-19

A motion to approve paying the scholarships out to the schools was made by O'hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Conservation Education Day April 27th

- a. Trees-155 ordered- \$122.76

2023-20

A motion to approve paying for the trees for Conservation Education day was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Pheasants Forever Financial Support Request -\$2,500.00

2023-21

A motion to approve the pheasants forever in the amount of \$2,500.00 was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Electronic Bank Statements and online access- Tabled until next meeting.

C. Grant Opportunities

IDALS has sent out a Innovation and Demonstration Conservation Grants opportunity that we think would be a good fit for our Kernza plot. This grant would run for 3 years at \$50,000 split between all 3 years.

2023-22

A motion to apply for this grant was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistance Requests

ALLAMAKEY SWCD	106814	04/04/2023	0	REAP F/NG	McGeough, Adrian	Forest Stand Improvement	\$4,320.00	\$3,240.00
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ALLAMAKEY SWCD	107025	04/04/2023	0	CRP- Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign- Up	Moose , Richard	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign- Up	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00
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Gavin, Shane #10603 Buffers 2.3 ac. Estimated Cost-\$690.00

Gavin, Shane #106066 Buffers 13.2 ac Estimated Cost- \$3960.00

Gavin, Shane #106064 Buffers 6.4 ac. Estimated Cost- \$1,920.00

2023-23

A motion to approve the assistance requests was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty. The motion carried unanimously.

Completed

Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	106720	Gary A & Kermit W White PTR	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00
105227	Michael J. Ferring	Forest Stand Improvement	\$2,560.00	\$1,920.00	

2023-24

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

CRP Plans

Iowa Legacy Farms CP38E-4D-T
Dave & Pam Kruger-CP21-T6024

2023-25

A motion to approve the CRP plans was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty.
The motion carried unanimously.

Consplan

Don McGraw- Larry McGraw- 110.0 ac.

2023-26

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

Misc.

Next Meeting Date tentative date for May 9th at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

2023-27

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by O'Hare and seconded by Dougherty the
motion carried unanimously

Donald Elsbernd, Chairman

Brianne Wild, CA