

**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**January 10, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Those attending:**

**Commissioners:** Jack Knight, Don Elsbernd, Brady Kruger, Mike O'hare and Tom Gavin

**Staff:** LuAnn Rolling, and Brianne Wild

**1. Election of chairperson and vice-chairperson.**

2023-1

A motion have Don Elsbernd continue as Chairman and Tom Gavin be the new Vice-Chairman was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried.

**2. Appointment of treasurer and secretary.**

2023-2

A motion to keep the treasurer as Mike O'Hare and the co-treasurer as Brady Kruger and the secretary as Brianne Wild was made by Gavin and seconded by Knight. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Appointment of Assistant Commissioner**

2023-3

A motion to have Jack Knight be our new assistant commissioner was made by Kruger and seconded by Gavin. The motion carried unanimously.

**Review of commissioner responsibilities.**

**4. Annual Financial Policies for checklist for 2023**

**5. Monthly Financial Policies Review Checklist for 2023**

**6. State Employee Policy Regarding SWCD Financial Accounts**

2023-4

Brianne Reviewed all of the commissioner responsibilities and financial policies checklists with the commissioners. She also reviewed the state employee policy with them. A motion to approve all policies and responsibilities was made by Gavin and seconded by Brady. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. SWCD Memorandums of Understanding.**

Brianne Reviewed the memorandums with the board.

**8. EEO/Civil Rights Responsibilities checklist**

2023-5

Jacob Groth went over the the EEO/Civil Rights policies and checklists with the board. A motion to approve the EEO/Civil Rights checklist was made by Gavin and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Meeting Called to Order.**

### **Adopt Agenda.**

2023-6

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

### **Approve minutes from December**

2023-7

A motion to approve the regular meeting minutes and the special meeting minutes from December was made by Kruger and seconded by Gavin. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Approve Financial Report & Bills from December**

**\$15.00-Elliott jeweler for Jack Gift**

**\$2,000.00- NICC for Faith Schulte Scholarship**

**\$402.61- IDALS 780 reimbursement**

2023-8

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

## **Old Business**

### **Update on Ongoing Initiatives**

Jacob Groth discussed the new soil con Eric Novey will be starting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of this month. The DC position for waukon has been advertised so we are hoping sooner than later for someone to be put in our office. They have also advertised for a 60- day detail for someone to be here in the interim. We are working on EQIP ranking is due at the end of February.

### **RCPP & CIG Update**

Final Meeting held on Dec 13 The meeting was well attended and had a lot of really good discussion. CIG project is officially done as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. RCPPFY14 we have one person left to pay and then that will be officially over. RCPP18 We have 22 applications to have ready to rank by the end of February.

## **New Business**

**A. Newsletter 2023-**Brianne will be getting estimates for printing. Don said he would like an article about the Kernza plot that we will be doing as well.

**B. Scholarship 2023 Deadline?** February 28th at 4 pm this has been sent to all the schools, guidance counselors and if they have an Ag teacher and also to the 4H.

### C. Kernza Meeting NICC February 10th@ 10 a.m.

Alisha would like someone from Allamakee to discuss a little about what we are doing with our Kernza plot at the meeting. Don will discuss at the meeting on the behalf of our SWCD.

### Applications

106092	CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up	FARLEY, PAUL	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$5,220.00	\$5,220.00
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2023-9 A motion to approve the application was made by Gavin and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

### Completed

<u>Cost Share</u>	<u>103939</u>	<u>CHERRY VALLEY FARM</u>	<u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
<u>Cost Share</u>	<u>97882</u>	<u>DANIEL BYRNES</u>	<u>Terraces</u>	<u>\$8,166.26</u>	<u>\$4,083.13</u>
<u>Cost Share</u>	<u>99686</u>	<u>THOMAS BERNES</u>	<u>Terraces</u>	<u>\$8,600.00</u>	<u>\$4,300.00</u>
<u>REAP F/NG</u>	<u>90374</u>	<u>RYAN LUTZE</u>	<u>Forest Stand Improvement</u>	<u>\$1,680.00</u>	<u>\$1,260.00</u>
<u>Water Quality Initiative - Statewide</u>	<u>104511</u>	<u>THOMAS BERNES</u>	<u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
<u>Water Quality Initiative - Statewide</u>	<u>105059</u>	<u>REGANCREST Crop Operations</u>	<u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u>	<u>\$7,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,100.00</u>
<u>Water Quality Initiative - Statewide</u>	<u>105288</u>	<u>Brady Kruger</u>	<u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u>	<u>\$7,250.00</u>	<u>\$2,175.00</u>
<u>Water Quality Initiative - Statewide</u>	<u>102787</u>	<u>Dustin Meyer</u>	<u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u>	<u>\$8,000.00</u>	<u>\$2,400.00</u>
<u>Water Quality</u>	<u>105287</u>	<u>RANDY KRUGER</u>	<u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u>	<u>\$4,750.00</u>	<u>\$1,425.00</u>

<b><u>Initiative - Statewide</u></b>					
<b><u>Water Quality Initiative - Statewide</u></b>	<b><u>105300</u></b>	<b><u>DERK W RADLOFF</u></b>	<b><u>Cover Crop - 1 Year</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,900.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$870.00</u></b>

2023-10

A motion to approve the completed projects was made by O'Hare and seconded by Gavin. Brady abstained from voting. The motion carried.

### **CRP Plan**

Maury Mooney- T1818- 6.92 ac.

2023-11

A motion to approve the CRP plan was made by Gavin and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Misc.**

**Next Meeting Date February 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.**

### **Adjourn**

2023-12

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Gavin and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried unanimously.

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Donald Elsbernd, Chairman

Brianne Wild, CA