

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

June 12, 2023

9:00 a.m.

MINUTES

Those attending:

Commissioners: Don Elsbernd, Mike O'Hare, Scott Dougherty, Brady Kruger and Tom Gavin

Staff: Brianne Wild, Ben Cottrell, Eric Novey, Sophia Campbell

Meeting called to order.

Adopt Agenda.

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

Approve Minutes from April and Special meeting in May

A motion to approve the minutes from April and May was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Financial Report and Bills from April and May

\$57.76-Reimburse Brianne Pizza for ConsEdDay

\$41.98-Reimburse Brianne for Domain Name

\$491.41- IDALS- 780 Hours

\$21.50- Ward laboratories-Kernza Plot Soil Sample

\$55.29- Quillins-Cons Ed Day food

\$225.00- H&R Block Payroll

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

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Cottrell

Ben will be going for a week to the North American Prairie Conference. They have been working on CRP status reviews. Round 2 applications for EQIP we have 3

CSP we have 1 application so far, RCPP we have 6 Cover Crop and 5 streambanks

We are in the 3rd round for CSP and we have 2 large CSP applications.

B. Yellow River Update-Sophia

Sophia reported on some field days that are coming up and let her know if anyone is interested. There are some projects in Winneshiek county that they have let out for bids if anyone knows a contractor that would like to bid on it.

C. RCPP Update

RCPP -Project Coordinator

Mike is no longer the Project Coordinator for the project so we need to hire someone new. Barb Hanson is willing to take over the project but would like it to pay the equivalent of her 780 position which would be \$20/hr. A motion to approve hiring Barb to take over the Project Coordinator for RCPP was made by Gavin and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

RCPP Report

A motion to approve the RCPP quarterly report was made by O'Hare and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Conservation Education Day- The day went really well and weather was great!

E.

F. Bank Statements and online banking

- a. The bank no longer will email the statements to us. We did get an online account that is read only access. This is the only way to get statements and not get charged for them. We will still continue to have Don receive the bank statements in the mail.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Pheasants Forever Report-FYI

B. IDALS Recall of Funds-FYI

C. CDI

a. Resolutions

b. Scholarship Donations

The commissioners will take the resolutions home and read through them and we will revisit them to vote at the July meeting.

A motion to contribute \$250.00 to the scholarship fund for CDI was made by Kruger and seconded by O'hare. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Watershed Inspections June 12th- FYI

E. Petty Cash suggested replenish \$25.00

A motion to replenish the petty cash fund in the amount of \$25.00 was made by O'hare and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Stamps

A motion to approve buying a roll of stamps for the district was made by Kruger and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Kernza Plot

We were able to get the rye baled off the field we will see how much growth we have and we are intending to spray it prior to seeding the Kernza. We are thinking of doing some fertilizer in the spring on the Kernza. Also request Germ test from the seed company prior to buying the kernza seed.

H. IDALS Grant-Submitted

Grant was submitted to IDALS and are awaiting to hear if we will receive funding for the Kernza plot or not.

Assistance Request

Application #	Program	Producer	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost-Share
101789	REAP P	Anderson, Corey	Forest Stand Improvement	\$3,200.00	\$2,400.00
106441	REAP F/NG	Winke, Bill	Tree/Shrub Establishment	\$10,200.00	\$7,385.99
106883	REAP P	McGeough, Adrian	Tree/Shrub Establishment	\$480.00	\$360.00

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

Amendment Request

Walter Kurth #105820

Total Obligated Funds	\$2,645.50	\$2,910.05
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A motion to approve the amendment request was made by Gavin and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

Completed Projects

Program	Application #	Name	Practice	Eligible Cost	Cost-Share
CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up	107025	Richard Moose	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$1,620.00	\$1,620.00
CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up	104588	Lars Palmer	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$4,200.00	\$4,200.00
REAP P	104261	Bill Winke	Tree/Shrub Establishment	\$9,000.00	\$6,750.00

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

Misc.

Next Meeting Date- July 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 was made by Gavin and seconded by O'Hare.
The motion carried unanimously.

Donald Elsbernd, Chairman

Brianne Wild, Conservation Asst.