

**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

**November 7, 2023**

**9:00 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Those attending:**

**Commissioners:** Don Elsbernd, Mike O'Hare, and Tom Gavin

**Staff:** Ben Cottrell, Sophia Campbell and Brianne Wild

**Meeting called to order.**

**Adopt Agenda.**

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

**Approve Minutes from September and October**

A motion to approve the minutes from September and October was made by Gavin and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**A. ISU Nitrogen Initiative Trials- Sophia Campbell**

Sophia made the commissioners aware of a Nitrogen initiative trial that is going on through ISU and if they know of any other producers in the County that would be interested let them know how to sign up.

**B. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Cottrell**

Ben reported that CSP Renewals there are 8 and 6 have been submitted. Eric is continuing to do CRP check son year 9's he has about 100 of the 300 we have done. We are working on 2024 CSO's getting field parts of it done. We have mowed the firebreaks around the office Native Seeding we may burn part of it this fall.

**C. RCPP Report**

**1. Reimbursement \$2,491.71**

Brianne reported that Barb has been going out and verifying the Cover crop RCPP's that have been completed and getting them paid.

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

**D. NACD Dues**

**A motion to approve paying \$500.00 to NACD for dues was made by Gavin and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.**

**E. English Bench and Paint Creek Reports**

A motion to approve the English Bench and Paint Creek Reports was made by O'Hare and seconded by Gavin. The motion carried unanimously.

**F. Kernza IDALS Grant**

**a. Article in CDI newsletter**

Our Kernza is very slow at starting but it is visible in some place in our plot. It was not killed off by the first plot so we are hoping that it will have time to grow and be ok in the spring. We had an article about it in the Annual newsletter and also CDI did one in their newsletter they put out state wide.

**G. Annual Newspaper Report-FYI was printed in the first week of Nov. Issue of the Waukon Standard**

**H. Donation of native grass seed drill-Brianne will get more information on the drill and see if the producer willing to donate it and will discuss more at December meeting.**

**I. District/IDALS Intern position**

The board would like to apply for an intern position. A motion to approve applying for the intern position was made by Gavin and seconded by O'Hare. The motion carried unanimously.

**J. IDALS funding recall-FYI**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Assistance Request**

<u>112463</u>	<u>09/07/2023</u>	<u>REAP P</u>	<u>Martin, David R</u>	<u>Conservation Cover</u>	<u>\$3,600.00</u>	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
<u>111997</u>	<u>08/29/2023</u>	<u>CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up</u>	<u>Steiber, Ross</u>	<u>Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up</u>	<u>\$1,320.00</u>	<u>\$1,320.00</u>
<u>111043</u>	<u>08/09/2023</u>	<u>REAP F/NG</u>	<u>Lyons, Dennis</u>	<u>Forest Stand Improvement</u>	<u>\$6,080.00</u>	<u>\$4,560.00</u>
<u>108419</u>	<u>10/06/2023</u>	<u>Cost Share</u>	<u>Joachim, robert</u>	<u>Grade Stabilization Structure</u>	<u>\$21,000.00</u>	<u>\$10,500.00</u>

<u>112199</u>	<u>08/31/2023</u>	<u>REAP F/NG</u>	<u>Franzen, James N</u>	<u>Tree/Shrub Establishment</u>	<u>\$14,400.00</u>	<u>\$10,800.00</u>
113893	11/01/2023	REAP P	Meinholz, Larry	Windbreak	\$2,300.00	\$1,600.00
112398	11/01/2023	CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up	Deering, Koal	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$6,720.00	\$6,720.00
113987	11/01/2023	CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up	Christianson, Gary	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
113988	11/01/2023	CRP-Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign-Up	Christianson, Gary	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

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

#### **Amendment Requests**

<u>IFIP Cost-Share</u>	<u>105103</u>	<u>Randy Kruger</u>	<u>Grade Stabilization</u>	<u>\$13,800.00</u>	<u>\$17,250.00</u>
<u>IFIP Cost-share</u>	<u>105103</u>	<u>Randy Kruger</u>	<u>Grade Stabilization</u>	<u>10/18/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
<u>IFIP Cost-Share</u>	<u>105842</u>	<u>James Evanson</u>	<u>Water &amp; Sediment Control Basin</u>	<u>11/15/2023</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>

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

#### **Completed Projects**

REAP P	105228	Caleb Ferring	Forest Stand Improvement	\$7,360.00	\$5,520.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	113558	Peggy Meyer	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$1,250.00	\$625.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	110615	Collin Thompson	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$3,600.00	\$1,080.00

Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	111080	Jameson Peterson	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$1,800.00	\$540.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	113176	Ronald Cooper	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$750.00	\$225.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	113547	David Dougherty	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	113962	John Palmer	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$3,250.00	\$975.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	110963	Mark Palmer	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$3,750.00	\$1,125.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	113020	David Hammel	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$1,500.00	\$750.00
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	113253	Richard Wild	Cover Crop - 1 Year		\$500.00	\$150.00
Water Quality Initiative- Statewide	113071	Kruse, Dan	Cover Crop – 1 Year	\$4,250.00	\$2,125.00	

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

Misc.

Next Meeting Date

December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

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

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Brianne Wild, CA