

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

January 7, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

1. Election of chairperson and vice-chairperson.

2025-1

A motion to elect Don Elsbernd as Chairman and Jim Pladsen as Vice-Chairman was made by Kruger and seconded by Peterson

2. Appointment of treasurer and secretary.

2025-2

A motion to approve Brady Kruger as the Treasurer and Dean Peterson as the Co-Treasurer and Brianne Wild to be the secretary was made by Pladsen and seconded by Don Elsbernd. The motion carried

2025-3

A motion to approve Jack Knight to be an assistant commissioner was made by Kruger and seconded by Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Review of commissioner responsibilities.

4. Annual Financial Policies for checklist for 2025

5. Monthly Financial Policies Review Checklist for 2025

6. State Employee Policy Regarding SWCD Financial Accounts

2025-4

Wild reviewed the annual and monthly financial policies and state employee policies with the commissioners. A motion to approve the policies was made by Kruger and seconded by Pladsen. The motion carried unanimously.

7. SWCD Memorandums of Understanding.

Wild went over the memorandums with the commissioners

8. EEO/Civil Rights Responsibilities checklist

Cottrell reviewed the EEO and Civil Rights Responsibilities with the commissioners

Bobby Kuennen IDALS Field Representative came to discuss a couple of things with the board one being the need for cost-share funds. If we need more money we need to contact Derek McNammy with IDALS to discuss funds.

Yellow River Project Coordinator position is now vacant. Bobby would like to know if Allamakee would be willing to house a new person if they re-hire it and possibly extend the watershed further into Allamakee County. The board said they would be willing to consider having the Project Coordinator in Waukon.

9. Meeting Called to Order.

10. Adopt Agenda.

11. Approve minutes from December

2025-5

A motion to approve the minutes from December was made by Kruger and seconded by Pladsen. The motion carried unanimously.

12. Approve Financial Report and Bills for December & November

2025-6

A motion to approve the corrected November Financial Report was made by Kruger and seconded by Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the December financial report was made by Kruger and seconded by Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update of Ongoing Initiatives by Cottrell

CSP Round 1- 20 applications to rank

Round 2- 1 application

EQIP- - 39 applications

CRP – Checks 40 left to complete for this FY

B. RCPP Update

a. Reimbursement request-\$2,152.62

2025-7

A motion to approve the reimbursement request was made by Kruger and seconded by Pladsen. The motion carried unanimously.

C. CDI Spring Regionals Meeting

a. Rossville- \$25/plate max

b. Fairgrounds-\$200 plus cleaning fee \$100

2025-8

A motion to approve having the CDI meeting at Rossville was made by Pladsen and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Newsletter

a. Printing Supreme Graphics- estimated \$578.00

Graphics Inc Last year-\$704.00

Postage- Last Year was \$385.24

2025-9

A motion to approve going with Supreme Graphics for printing the newsletter was made by Kruger and seconded by Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Call for Resolutions

Brianne will work on a resolution for REAP TSI and Tree Planting for the board to review

C. Scholarship Due Friday Feb 28th -FYI

D. Conservation Education Day Thursday April 24th FYI

E. Elliott Jewelers- Mugs for Commissioners off the board and plaque to be updated

2025-10

A motion to approve paying for the mugs and plaque that are being done at Elliotts for commissioners Brianne will let the board know the amount and a treasurer will come in to sign the check at that time. A motion to approve this was made by Pladsen and seconded by Peterson. The motion carried unanimously.

Assistance Request

124087	0	CRP- Buffer Initiative \$300 Sign- Up	Palmer, Lars	Contour Buffer Strips - \$300 CRP Sign-Up	\$3,060.00	\$3,060.00
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2025-11

A motion to approve the assistance request was made by Kruger and seconded by Pladsen. The motion carried unanimously.

Amendment Request

106195	REAP/P	PRATTE, BERNARD	\$1,738.60	\$2,040.00	
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2025-12

A motion to approve the amendment request was made by Pladsen and seconded by Kruger. The motion carried unanimously.

Completed Projects

Program	Application Number	Applicant	Practice	Total Estimate d Cost	Amount Obligate d	Primary Amount Installe d
REAP F/NG	121075	Michael Rickert	Forest Stand Improvemen t	\$2,400.00	\$1,800.00	15
REAP P	106195	Bernard Pratte	Forest Stand Improvemen t	\$3,400.00	\$2,040.00	17
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	119505	Robert Regan	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	25
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	119865	DANIEL REGAN	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$9,600.00	\$3,200.00	160
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	116643	Douglas Zimmerma n	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$9,600.00	\$3,200.00	160
Water Quality	119866	Daylen Regan	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$9,600.00	\$3,200.00	160

Initiative - Statewide						
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	116762	Kevin Welsh	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$3,120.00	\$1,040.00	52
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	116870	Corey Welsh	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$7,440.00	\$3,720.00	124
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	116877	Adam Anderson	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$4,200.00	\$1,400.00	66
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	118223	CORY MINER	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$7,200.00	\$2,400.00	62
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	118226	Bkin Farms LLC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$9,600.00	\$3,200.00	160
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	118578	Gibbs Dairy LLC	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	66
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	118685	JEFFERY BYRNES	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$9,600.00	\$3,200.00	160
Water Quality Initiative - Statewide	118759	Michael McKee	Cover Crop - 1 Year	\$7,500.00	\$2,500.00	95

2025-13

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

Misc.

Next Meeting Date February 4, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kruger and seconded by Pladsen. The motion carried unanimously.

2025-14

Chairman, Donald Elsbernd

Brianne Wild, Conservation Asst.