

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS MEETING
 EPWORTH, IOWA
 August 14, 2007

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil and Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Melvin Wilgenbusch at 6:06 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District, Epworth, Iowa on August 14, 2007. Those present included Staff: Theresa Weiss - District Conservationist, Colleen Siefken – State Secretary; Commissioners: Melvin Wilgenbusch, Charles McCullough, Jeff Reiter, Jerry Ostwinkle, Dave Ruden and Assistant Commissioners: Bob O’Connell & Clyde Thielen.

Presentation of Father Norman White Memorial Scholarship: Mel presented the \$1,000 scholarship to Delbert Bischoff of Bernard.

Adopt Agenda: With the addition of the following, the agenda was approved.

Fishkill Restitution Funds Received

07-97 Reiter made the motion to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Wilgenbusch called for a discussion of the July 10, 2007 meeting minutes.

07-98 Motion made by McCullough to approve the meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker – Warren Johnston – Limestone Bluffs RC&D: Warren presented the Board with the RC&D’s 2006 activities and the 2007-2012 Area Plan. Warren updated the Board on current activities and projects.

FARMS Program Summary: Current FARMS Account information:

Program	Amount Paid	Obligated Amount	Available Balance
Cost Share	\$ 4,871.43	\$ 16,177.50	\$ 100,366.62
No-Interest Loan	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 0.00
REAP F/NG	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,576.00
REAP P	\$ 0.00	\$6,610.00	\$ 11,890.50

FARMS Applications: Commissioners reviewed the following:

- Voluntary*
- None
- REAP*
- None
- UCCW/WIRB*

None

FARMS/Cost Share Amendments: Commissioners reviewed the following:

Brian Wolf, 4 REAP P 07, change practice from Timber Stand Improvement to Tree Planting, change acres to 10.

Elaine Gansen, 061-2.07-0319, completion date extended until 12/30/07

07-99 Motion made by Ruden to approve the above listed amendment. Motion seconded by Reiter. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS Certification/Claim: Commissioners reviewed the following:

- Terry Miller, FARMS # 1208, \$3,603.00 cs amt.
- Douglas Vorwald, FARMS #956, \$2,272.50 cs amt.

07-100 Motion made by Ostwinkle to approve the Certification/Claim. Motion seconded by McCullough. Motion carried unanimously.

FARMS/Cost Share Maintenance Agreements: Commissioners reviewed the following:

- Douglas Vorwald, FARMS #956, 5 ac fencing & 90 rods fence.
- Virgil Bradley, FARMS #963, 3 Water & Sediment Control Structures

07-101 Motion made by McCullough to approve the above listed Maintenance Agreements. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

1M/Finance:

- 1M Expense Reports: \$2,100 '08 allocation
- See attached Quickbooks report

07-102 Motion made by McCullough to approve the above listed. Motion seconded by Reiter. Motion carried unanimously.

Upper Catfish Creek Watershed Project:

- Monthly report was submitted for approval
- Septic System Workshop on 8/22/07, 1-3 p.m., Swiss Valley Nature Center

07-103 Motion made by Reiter to approved the monthly report. Motion seconded by McCullough. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

- Annual Conference to be held Nov 27-29, 2007
- Thank you for \$125 RAGBRAI donation
- Fall Regional Commissioners Meeting – August 28th – West Union

- REAP Assembly – 9/13/07 – Hurstville Interpretive Center – Maquoketa
- RC&D Picnic – 8/22 – Floral Hall, Cedar County Fairgrounds – Tipton
- Jeff Tisl will be at the September Mtg to discuss Project Development Opportunities
- CDI Dues Notice

07-104 Motion made by Ruden to pay the \$725 CDI Dues. Motion seconded by Reiter. Motion carried unanimously.

North Fork Maquoketa River Fish Kill Restitution Funds: The District has been notified of \$7,480.04 available in Fish Kill Restitution Funds. Colleen has a call into Dan Kirby, DNR Fisheries, to discuss the matter with him.

Meeting Updates:

- None

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions: Commissioners reviewed plans and revisions listed on the attachment.

07-105 Motion made by McCullough to approve the CRP plans and revisions. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

Conservation Plan Approval: Commissioners reviewed plans listed on the attachment.

07-106 Motion made by Ruden to approve the Conservation Plans. Motion seconded by Ostwinkle. Motion carried unanimously.

NRCS Update:

- Weiss provided a brief update. Additional security measures to protect customer identification coming. Final CSP payment has been paid for 2007.

Treasurer's Report: Commissioners reviewed the following report:

'08 1M	\$	0.00	
District Savings	\$	17,693.73	(Quicken balance as of this date)
'08 1M Ledger	\$	0.00	(Sub Account of Savings - Excel ledger)
Contractor Meeting	\$	762.41	(Sub Account of Savings – Excel ledger)
District Payroll	\$	10,329.14	
District Checking	\$	6.81	(Quicken balance as of this date)
WIRB	\$	13,272.81	(Quicken balance as of this date)
Upper Catfish Creek Watershed			
07 319	\$	26,293.71	
08 WPF	\$	20,075.00	

07-107 Motion made by McCullough to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Reiter. Motion carried unanimously.

Being no further business to discuss, Wilgenbusch requested a motion to adjourn.

07-108 Motion made by McCullough to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Reiter.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil
& Water Conservation District office, Epworth, Iowa.

Chairperson

Date

Secretary

Date