

**MINUTES OF THE BOONE COUNTY MONTHLY
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
Hybrid Meeting-Monthly Meeting
October 24th, 2024**

The Boone County SWCD Commissioners September 19th monthly meeting was called to order by Jeremy Gustafson at 12:05 PM. Those present: Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners: Jeremy Gustafson, Steve Carlson, Diana Wright, Rosie Wurpts, Missy Bice and Erin Doran. Staff & Others: Sarah Hanson, Conservation Assistant; Katelyn Rinicker, Pollinator Conservation Specialist of Prairie Rivers of Iowa.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

24-076 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Wurpts, to accept the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

24-077 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wurpts, to accept minutes from the September 19th, 2024, monthly meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S

24-078 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to accept September 2024 Treasurer Reports & Vendor Bills pg. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of the Financial Audit performed by Carlson and Wright 8.6.2024-

24-079 MOVED by Wurpts, Gustafson stepped down as chair and handed over to Wright, seconded by Gustafson. Wright stepped down as chair and handed back to Gustafson.

PRAIRIE RIVERS WATERSHEDS UPDATE-Katelyn Rinicker

Rinicker updated the group that they are looking for landowners. Rinicker asked if the board knew of any landowners that would like to participate in the pollinating. Doran asked Rinicker to send over some information about the pollinating.

Five Year Plan by Carlson & Wright Annual Workplan: Updated the Plan with the Monarchs

BOONE SWCD WEBSITE – Carlson

Carlson will be meeting with Hanson in the beginning of November to add Hanson to the website to be able to update. Carlson added Hanson to the District's Facebook page. Hanson has been posting on Facebook in the last couple of weeks now.

Beaver Creek Watershed-Riley Bass

Bass held a preconstruction meeting for the Vogler saturated buffer, and it was constructed on 10/21/24. Bass will be getting the invoice for the project by the next Board Meeting. Bass had an October Beaver Creek WMA meeting that was held at Jester Park and included a tour of the Brenton Slough which is a new property Polk County Conservation is buying. Bass started surveying fields for saturated buffers. Bass spoke with Megan at Iowa Cover Crop to plan a field day this winter about cover crop. Bass asked the board to share any ideas for which topic they should go over. Carlson stated that a topic could be over frost.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE-CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

1. Our Mississippi-Fall 2024
2. Lincoln Oaks Nursery-2024-2025 Ordering
3. Schumacher's Nursery & Berry Farm Inc-2024-2025 Price List
4. The Practical Farmer-Autumn 2024 Edition
5. Members 1st Credit Union Fall 2024 Newsletter

IDALS: District Operations-SWCD Expense Funds

1. FY25 IDALS Commissioner Expense Fund (1M) Allocations

Reimbursements:

1. Sarah Hanson, Conservation Assistant
 - a. Notary Application & Stamp \$59.90
 - b. Stone Printing: Pictures Laminated \$6.42
 - c. Wal-Mart: Items for Outdoor Classroom \$70.82

24-080 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Carlson, to reimburse Hanson for the Outdoor Classroom supplies and Notary/stamp. Motion carried unanimously.

New Logo Ideas

1. Hanson will send out logos from other counties to board members.

Vinyl Banner with Logos Quote

1. Tabled

Tablecloth with Logo Quotes

1. Tabled

USDA Program Priority Areas

1. Board decided to go with Johannsen's recommendation on the 3 Watersheds for FY25

FARMS APPLICATIONS/MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS/CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS-0

CONSERVATION PLANS – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

STAFF REPORTS-Jeremy Johannsen

Hanson reported for Johannsen. Johannsen has CRP status review list, checking all 4th year and 2nd to last year CRP contracts, also have 310 reviews to check by August of 2025. For WQI, planning is completed for about 58 applications for about 7,000 acres. There was an early deadline compared to previous years. EQIP/RCP for fiscal year 2024 obligated about \$1.4 last fiscal year through 16 contracts. EQIP/RCP/CSP for fiscal year 2025 applications are being accepted until November 22nd. Our district has 41 applications on hand to rank.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, November 21st, 2024 @ 12:00 pm

FURTHER BUSINESS

1. National Association of Conservation Districts Dues-Tabled
2. Hanson is going to call Greene County and see what they do in their county.

ADJOURNMENT

24-081 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Wurpts to adjourn the meeting at 12:27 PM. Motion carried unanimously.