

**MINUTES OF THE BOONE COUNTY MONTHLY
SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS
Monthly Meeting
July 24th, 2025**

The Boone County SWCD Commissioners July monthly meeting was called to order by Jeremy Gustafson at 12:02 PM. Those present & via ZOOM: Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners: Jeremy Gustafson, Steve Carlson, Diana Wright, Missy Bice, and Rosie Wurpts. Staff & Others: Sarah Hanson, Conservation Assistant; Jeremy Johannsen, DC; Justin Grief, Beaver Creek Watershed Coordinator.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

25-058 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to accept the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

25-059 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to accept minutes from June 2025, Monthly Meeting Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S

25-060 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Carlson, to accept June 2025 Treasurer Reports & Vendor Bills pg. 2. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Five Year Plan by Carlson & Wright & Annual Workplan
Carlson is continuously updating the Workplans.

BOONE SWCD WEBSITE – Carlson & Hanson

Hanson updated website to make sure current documents are uploaded for landowners and producers. Hanson added a Women Land, & Legacy page to our website. This page is with Greene County. Hanson had to changed color scheme to go with the Women Land, & Legacy logo.

Beaver Creek Watershed-

Grieff stated that Joel Wolcott's oxbow is completed as of June 30th. As of July 1st, IDALS has taken over the Beaver Creek Watershed projects. Beaver Creek still has around \$100,000.00 with EPA grant and will use those funds for water quality projects as well. After the announcement of the Beaver Creek Watershed and IDALS joining together, Grieff stated there has been a lot of interest from producers and landowners in the Beaver Creek Watershed. David Weaver and Grieff went and spoke at the Boone County Supervisors meeting at the beginning of July. Grieff will be attending the oxbow training in Cedar Rapids next week. There is a possibility of a partnership with Heartland Co-op.

NEW BUSINESS

CORRESPONDENCE-CIRCULATED AT THE MEETING

1. CDI: Connection
2. Boone SWCD Spring/Summer 2025 Newsletter
3. 2025 Policy Statement Recommended for Archival
4. PFI Donation Request
5. Members 1st Credit Union Newsletter
6. National Conservation Foundation 2024 Annual Report
7. NACD 2024 Annual Report

CDI2025-2026 Annual Dues

Commissioners decided to table this for the August meeting.

Joel Wolcotts-Oxbow Reimbursement + \$1,000 Incentive Payment

Grieff presents the payment of the completion of the oxbow on Wolcott's' property totaling \$15,775.00 plus \$1,000.00 incentive.

25-061 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Bice, to approve the payment of \$16,775.00 to Joel Wolcotts. Motion carried unanimously.

SWCD Conference Registration

Steve Carlson said he will be going to the conference under PFI. Diana and Missy will not be able to attend. Jeremy Gustafson and Rosie Wurpts will be attending, if Gustafson cannot attend Rosie was pointed proxy.

District Name Tags with Magnet backing

Sarah Hanson presented name tags for all the commissioners with the new logo. The cost is around \$7.00 per name tag plus shipping. Gustafson said to get a name tag for Justin Grieff with the Beaver Creek Watershed logo.

25-062 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Carlson, to approve the purchase of 7 name tags with logos and names on the name tags. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Mileage Reimbursement

Sarah Hanson presented six mileage reimbursements to the board.

1. Jeremy Gustafson: \$197.30
2. Steve Carlson: \$144.50
3. Diana Wright: \$40.00
4. Erin Doran: \$89.50
5. Rosie Wurpts: \$175.50
6. Missy Bice: \$72.00

25-063 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to approve Jeremy Gustafson \$197.30 mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

25-064 MOVED by Bice, seconded by Wright, to approve Steve Carlson \$144.50 mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

25-065 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Bice, to approve Diana Wright \$40.00 mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

25-066 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to approve Erin Doran \$89.50 mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

25-067 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to approve Rosie Wurpts \$175.50 mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

25-068 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to approve Missy Bice \$72.00 mileage reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Financial Review

Hanson reported that the board needs to conduct an Annual Financial Review for FY25. This review will be completed on July 30th at the USDA's office with Missy Bice and Diana Wright.

“Pufferbilly Days in Bloom!”

Hanson presented the parade will be on Saturday, September 20th and the Art in the park will be Sunday, September 21st and the cost is \$40. The board discussed that we will not be doing the parade, but we can do the Art in the Park on Sunday.

25-069 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Bice, to approve the \$40.00 to Pufferbilly Days-Art in the Park. Motion carried unanimously.

Boone County Native Pocket Prairie Program Proposal

Johannsen presented to the board about implementing a Native Pocket Garden in Boone County using the Dubuque Mowing to Monarch Program as a model. The board discussed that we need to find funding to get this program going.

25-069 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to move forward with this program. Motion carried unanimously.

Nalean Wetland Preliminary Title Opinions

Hanson informed the board that there is a preliminary title opinion for the Nalean wetlands.

FARMS APPLICATIONS/MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS/CERTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS-

Certifications				
Name	Application #	Practice	Funding Source	Cost Share Amount
Applications				
Jim Eisenmenger	126217	Oxbows	SF512	\$40,000.00
Mike Mace	126221	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$4,800.00
Mike Mace	126235	No-Till	Cost Share	\$1,600.00
Buffalo Grove Farms Inc	126248	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$4,800.00
Buffalo Grove Farms Inc	126252	No-Till	Cost Share	\$1,600.00
Nicholas Guetterman	126279	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$4,800.00
Kevin Westrum	127475	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$4,800.00
Gabe Heun	127577	No-Till	Cost Share	\$1,000.00
Scott Longhorn	128206	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$540.00
Tim Luellen	128207	No-Till	Cost Share	\$380.00
Clinton Luellen	128209	No-Till	Cost Share	\$640.00
Tracy Westrum	128525	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$4,350.00
Grant Heineman	128716	Cover Crop	Cost Share	\$4,800.00
Amendments				
Ronald Griffith	106495	Grade Stabilization Structure	Cost Share	\$12,529.75

25-070 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright, to approve the applications of an oxbow and cover crop, and the year extension for a grade stabilization structure. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSERVATION PLANS – 0

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Outreach Committee: Pocket Pollinators to be added under this committee.

STAFF REPORTS-Jeremy Johannsen

Johannsen reported that there are 38 so far CRP accepted offers. There are roughly around 90 CRP status reviews left out of 320 total this year. There are five EQIP applications selected, oxbow restoration, cover crops, and forestry/wildlife practices out of 45 applications. Johannsen stated that there is still a hiring freeze until October 15th.

NEXT MEETING DATE AND TIME: Thursday, August 21st, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

FURTHER BUSINESS

1. Engraved/Laster Plant ID Tags- According to Johannsen we will need around 50 ID tags. The board agreed to increase the total cost to \$150.00.

25-071 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Carlson, to approve increase to \$150.00 for plant ID tags. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CDI is asking for another \$100.00 donation to the Scholarship fund or a donation to the silent auction.

25-072 MOVED by Wright, seconded by Bice, to approve \$100.00 donation to CDI for the scholarship fund. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

25-073 MOVED by Carlson, seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 12.43 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Accepted by:

Chairperson

Conservation Assistant