

**MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Monday January 4th, 2021

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation District was held via ZOOM due to Corona 19 virus. Meeting was called to order by Chair Alex Schmidt at 12:34 PM. Present were Commissioners: Alex Schmidt, Jody Bailey, Bonnie Riggan, Ed Ruppenkamp, Travis Spevacek Staff: Abby Beltz, John Rathbun, Amy Bouska, Jeff Vogel, Drew DeSmet, Marcy McBride. Other Guests: Nate Kilburg

Late Agenda Additions- Add Clyde Antone to Cost Share vote to pay, Accountant hourly increase

Nominate Jody Bailey Chair, Bonnie Riggan Vice Chair, Travis Spevacek Treasurer, Ed Ruppenkamp Co-Treasurer, and Alex Schmidt Secretary

2021-001 Schmidt motion to approve appointments. Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda Approval -

2021-002 Schmidt motion to adopt agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of December 7th 2020 meeting –

2021-003 Spevacek motion to approve above minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

Approve to file November 2020 report pending audit

Funding Requests and Payments

To pay the following: Marquardt Accounting \$120.00 (Dec payroll x 2)

To preapprove Funding Request- John to attend NACD Conference \$50.00 will be invoiced to JoCo auditors

2021-004 Schmidt motion to pay above expenses and preapprove funding requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share- Approve to pay; Clyde Antone (\$825) Gene Barnett (\$4,000) Black Diamond Investments (\$1155) Busy B's Farm (\$2400) Luke Duttlinger (\$2160) Ken Gingerich (\$2400) Gary Johnson (\$2400) Keith Johnson (\$2400) Nyle Kaufmann (\$1650) Lee Miller LPM Inc. (\$4000) Laurel Schlabaugh (\$1375) Troyer Farms (\$2400) Phil Winborn (\$2400)

2021-005 Spevacek motion to approve, extend, pay, or increase above cost share practices. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-006 Spevacek motion to extend Glen Erenberger waterways (2) until May 31st 2021. Schmidt second. Voted. One opposed, four approve, motion passes.

Miscellaneous Action Items-

2021-007 Schmidt motion to continue IFIP and REAP first come first serve policy until next fiscal year (July 2021) Motion carried unanimously.

2021-008 Riggan motion to donate \$100 to Water Rocks. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-009 Schmidt motion to apply for NACD grant position priority funding that opens on Jan 8th. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-010 Spevacek motion to approve Eastern IA Quarterly report for Amy Bouska. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-011 Riggan motion to approve Drew DeSmet vacation request. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Correspondence

- Nate Kilburg - We will hold another working group on January 13th at 6 pm. Nate will email out notices to all who attended last meeting, and Marcy has posted public notices.
- TNC Grant- Bonnie has contacted top three applicants and will schedule interviews when Josh Spies returns from vacation.
- Alex and Abby updated on soil loss complaint. Producer chisel plowed again on HEL ground, and contractor had to clean out culvert again. Abby has filed a whistle blower complaint.
- Marcy discussed Financial policy annual checklist and monthly review.
- Abby discussed Civil Rights
- Scheduled 2021 SWCD meeting dates
- Marcy reported Marquardt Accounting hourly rates have increased from \$90 to \$115 an hour. Will not affect our fixed payroll rate.

Partners Report

NRCS- Abby said General CRP will open on January 4th.

CDI- Alex Schmidt reminded us that CDI will be paying the \$50 fee to attend the virtual NACD annual meeting and breakout sessions.

NACD- Alex Schmidt reported that they have completed the inclusivity and diversity report and provided it to the executive board.

Clear Creek Watershed- John Rathbun updated on bids. Jan 20th will be the Clear Creek board meeting. Jan 29th will be the Sippy award presentation. March 4th will be the IA Learning Farm presentation.

Lower Cedar- Nothing to report

English River- Nothing to report

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

The next regular monthly meeting is Monday February 1st 2021 at 12:30 PM,

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Secretary 

Chair  2/1/2021