

MINUTES OF THE JOHNSON COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

COMMISSIONER'S & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday February 1st, 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 Jody Bailey at 12:31 PM. Present were Commissioners: Alex Schmidt, Jody Bailey, Ed Ruppenkamp, Travis Spevacek Staff: Abby Beltz, John Rathbun, Jeff Vogel, Drew DeSmet, Marcy McBride. Other Guests: Nate Kilburg, Angie Sebastian

Late Agenda Additions-

Agenda Approval -

2021-012 Schmidt motion to adopt agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of January 4th 2020 meeting –

2021-013 Spevacek motion to approve above minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

Approve to file December 2020 report pending audit

Funding Requests and Payments

To pay the following: Marquardt Accounting \$120.00 (Jan payroll x 2) IA Grass and Forage (2021 Dues) \$35.00

2021-014 Schmidt motion to pay above expenses / preapprove funding requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share- Approve to pay: Michael Donovan \$4000, Donovan & Sons \$2400, James Erb \$2400, Evans Furrow \$2400, Anna Geyer \$875, Hemingway Land \$315, James Kennedy \$3750, Chance Koppenhafer \$1380, Long Lane Farms \$1140, Austin Miller \$1755, Brian Spevacek \$4000, Mike Steckly \$4000.

2021-015 Schmidt motion to approve, extend, pay, or increase above cost share practices. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Correspondence

- Nate Kilburg – Will hold discussion immediately after March 1st SWCD meeting
- Abby updated on soil loss complaint. She will mail out certified letter specifying a date that a plan must be in place by.
- Alex will continue working on IFIP and REAP ranking policy.

*Angie Sebastian left the meeting at 12:59 PM

Miscellaneous Action Items-

2021-016 Spevacek motion for Johnson Co WLL to combine with Cedar, Scott and Muscatine counties. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-017 Schmidt motion to serve as Urban Rain Garden billing entity. Motion carried unanimously.

Partners Report

NRCS- Abby reported on Derecho, EQIP, and CRP General sign up

CDI- Alex discussed Partnership Day

NACD- Alex reported he is no longer on the NACD board

Clear Creek Watershed- John Rathbun updated on bids. March 4th will be the IA Learning Farm presentation.

Lower Cedar- Has a new Watershed Coordinator, Olivia Erenberger

English River- Nothing to report

2021-018 Schmidt motion to enter closed session at 1:17 PM to discuss personnel topic. Motion Carried unanimously.

2021-019 Ruppenkamp motion, Spevacek second, John Rathbun wage increase by 6% effective 04/01/2021 Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM

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

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Secretary Marcy L McBride

Chair _____