

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

Monday April 12th, 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 12:34 PM. Present were Commissioners: Alex Schmidt, Jody Bailey, Ed Ruppenkamp. Staff: Abby Beltz, John Rathbun, Jeff Vogel, Drew DeSmet, Amy Bouska, Marcy McBride. Other Guests: Nate Kilburg.

Late Agenda Additions- Marquart Accounting invoice for \$120 added. Gary Johnson and Tyler Helb No Till WQI projects added to Cost Share Spreadsheet. SWCD's share of NACD 1st Q is \$951.32.

Agenda Approval –

2021-029 Schmidt motion to adopt agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of March 1st, March 8th, March 19th, March 23rd and March 29th 2021 meetings –

2021-030 Schmidt motion to approve above minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report –

Approve to file January 2021 report pending audit

Funding Requests and Payments

To pay the following: Marquardt Accounting \$120.00 (March payroll x 2) John Reimburse for IA Watershed Conference \$75.00, Marcy reimburse \$68.30 for flowers. Jody reimburse \$12.05 for postage.

2021-031 Schmidt motion to pay above expenses / preapprove funding requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share- *Approve to pay: Harvest Preserve Foundation \$600, Frank Rohret \$780 Approve to fund: Tyler Hebl \$1400, Gary Johnson \$1600*

2021-032 Schmidt motion to approve, extend, pay, or increase above cost share practices. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Correspondence

- Soil Loss Complaint- Abby updated that she has given producer his options and will contact to ensure he knows that even if he doesn't like the cost share options, he is still required to do them.
- Nate Kilburg – We will continue having 5 year plan meetings on Monday nights at 5:30.
- TNC- Olivia has started. Abby will check with IT to see when a computer will be delivered.
- Alex will continue working on IFIP and REAP ranking policy.
- Marcy will reserve Conservation Station for Fair, and hold off on further planning until we hear about COVID decisions.
- We will not be making nominations for any awards this year.
- Approve Drew's PTO for June 14th – June 18th

Miscellaneous Action Items- -

2021-033 Schmidt motion to agree and sign MOA with NACD for 2021 Tech Grant/ Drew. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-034 Schmidt motion to approve Jan-March Urban Conservation Quarterly Report. Motion Carried unanimously.

2021-035 Schmidt motion to approve Urban Conservation Plan of Operations for July 1, 2021-June 30, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

Partners Report

NRCS- Abby updated that EQIP 2nd round will be closing in May.

CDI- Continue with Mon night 5 year plan meetings.

NACD- Alex will be on Urban Ag group.

Clear Creek Watershed- John updated about projects, meeting with Joanie Ernst, a \$1250 grant he received, and a new grant he applied for. Zoom meeting April 21st at 5:00 PM

Lower Cedar- Jody reported Olivia has started. Board meeting mid May.

English River- Jody reported there will be a board meeting in late May.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

The next regular monthly meeting is Monday May 10th 2021 at 12:30 PM,

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

Secretary *Nancy Z McBride*

Chair _____