

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

Monday August 2nd, 2021

Meeting Called to Order: The regular meeting of the Johnson County SWCD was held at Bonnie Riggans, and via teleconference line, due to Corona 19 Virus. Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Bonnie Riggan at 12:35 PM. Present were Commissioners: Bonnie Riggan, Alex Schmidt, Travis Spevacek. Staff: Abby Beltz, John Rathbun, Drew DeSmet, Jeff Vogel, Amy Bouska, Marcy McBride. Other Guests: Nate Kilburg.

Late Agenda Additions: Fair Update

Agenda Approval:

2021-054 Schmidt motion to adopt agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes of the July 12th meeting:

2021- 055 Spevacek motion to approve above minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Approve to file June 2021 report pending audit Yes per Schmidt.

Funding Requests and Payments:

To pay the following: Marquardt Accounting \$120 (July Payroll) Drew DeSmet \$33.03 (Shirts for Fair) John Rathbun \$15.82 (Postage Reimbursement) CDI \$850 (Dues) Marcy McBride \$34.68 (Monarch Cage Fair) United States Postal Service \$245 (Marketing Mail Permit)

2021-056 Schmidt motion to pay above expenses / preapprove funding requests. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share:

Approve to Pay: None

Approve to Fund: Maureen McCue (\$1,475) Natalie Hempy (\$4,834.03)

Approve to Increase: Peter Byler (From \$3006.24 to \$5047.98)

Discussed JB Schott's application. He has already completed this specific project and wanted to do a different project on different farm. Marcy reported Angie Sebastian stated IDALS would accept this. Discussion ensued. Board decided he needs to fill out a new application and move to the end of the first come first served line. Marcy will follow up with Larry.

2021-057 Schmidt motion to cancel, fund, extend, pay, or increase above cost share practices. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion / Correspondence:

2021-058 Schmidt motion to approve Eastern Iowa Urban Conservation Quarterly Report. Motion carried unanimously.

- Abby reported all soil loss complaint items are in Eric the AG's hands.
- Nate will send Marcy the title page and signature page of 5 year plan
- Drew reported the Fair was a success. He suggested we schedule two people for set up and tear down, and we order more pollinator seeds to hand out.
- Marcy reported she had requested \$1,942.74 disbursement from Community Foundation Wagner Fund.
- Bonnie discussed the Urban Grant that is available in May. She would like to organize a group of partners to meet for a fall brainstorming session.

Public Comments: None

Partners Report:

NRCS- Abby said they have 30 CRP plans and are working on WQI

CDI- Schmidt reported annual conference is next week

NACD- Schmidt reported the summer meeting was in Chicago

Clear Creek- John reported tier updates and last weeks tour

Lower Cedar- No updates

English River- No updates

Adjournment:

This meeting adjourned at 1:26 PM

The next regular monthly meeting is Monday Sept 13th, 2021 at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Secretary Marcy L McBride

Chair _____