

**MINUTES OF THE DALLAS COUNTY
SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
AT THE NRCS FIELD OFFICE
OR Via Teleconference
Wednesday, November 8, 2023 at 3:30pm**

Call to Order

The November regular monthly meeting was called to order by Eric Wessels at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the NRCS Field Office. Those present at the meeting were:

Commissioners:

Eric Wessels
Neil Hamilton
Patric McNorton
Vern Tigges – Phoned In
Veronica Lack – Arrived 3:45

Assistant Commissioner:

Sharon Donovan

Staff:

Kelly Thomas - Dallas County CA
Aaron Eggert – Dallas County DC
Tyler Reams – Dallas County SC

Guests:

Amanda Cole, NRCS Civil Engineering Tech

Approve Agenda

24-19- Moved by Pat and seconded by Neil to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approve Minutes

24-20- Moved by Neil and seconded by Pat to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 2023. No meeting for October. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Pat reported upon the transactions and bank balances and confirmation of the following:

All transactions on the September and October Treasurer's Report were reconciled with the September and October bank statements and all transactions had supporting documentation.

24-21- Moved by Neil and seconded by Eric to approve the September and October 2023 Treasurer Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of 2nd set of Bank Statements

Lincoln Savings Bank has a portal which is available to view the second set of financial statements. Kelly will check with Sadi Hawk to make sure this is in the guidelines and report back in December.

Expenses/Bills/Receipts

Pat presented the invoice from Notary Rotary for the Notary Certification stamp.

24-22 – Moved by Neil and seconded by Eric to approve the purchase of the Notary Stamp for Kelly Thomas, CA. Motion carried unanimously.

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Pat reported the NACD Membership Silver Level at a cost of \$501.00 be approved.

Pat reported the invoice for \$1,000 from Moonwake Collaborative for the website be approved.

24-23 – Moved by Neil and seconded by Eric to approve the purchase of the Silver Level membership in the amount of \$501.00, and the \$1,000.00 to Moonwake Collaborative for website work. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Website was reviewed by the Committee, corrections were addressed and a few changes were made. Eric will discuss with Jen at Moonwake and set up the release date.

Sharon Donovan will create a list of businesses and publications to contact regarding the new website.

Veronica wants a Wetlands Map link to county.

Kelly will speak to FSA regarding the newsletter announcement.

New Business

Amanda Cole, Civil Engineering Tech was present to discuss an increase in Cost Share rates.

24-24 – Moved by Neil and seconded by Veronica to increase the cost share rates to be equal to those of Madison County. Motion carried unanimously.

Amendment of Blake Martin's current project of grassed waterways and basin was discussed and approved.

24-25 – Moved by Pat and seconded by Vern to approve the amendment. Motion carried unanimously.

Intern Position for summer of 2024 was discussed and approved.

24-26 – Moved by Eric and seconded by Pat to approve an intern for the summer of 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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Correspondence/Upcoming Events

The CDI Spring Meeting in Dallas County was discussed. Kelly will work with Cathy Sheeder, Guthrie County to find a venue and choose a menu.

NRCS Update

Aaron spoke about the visit to Waukee Technical Institute where he discussed conservation careers. He also shared the monarch release from the prairie plantings the kids had worked on this fall.

Aaron and Tyler went to Prairie Ag Day in Perry, Iowa on October 18 and presented the 6th graders with examples of cover crops and drainage and discussed conservation careers.

EQIP and CSP re-enrollments are ongoing with Tyler making his way into the field to review these contracts.

Commissioner Reports

Neil stated that the registrations for the nature summits have gone very well.

Veronica filed a consumer complaint regarding PFAS amount in water.

WQI Payments and Applications

See Attachment

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. in the NRCS Field Office, Adel, IA.

24-22 Moved by Neil and seconded by Pat to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.


Eric Wessels, Chairman 12.13.2023
Date


Kelly Thomas, Dallas County C.A. 12-13-23
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