

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, December 16, 2019**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, Nov. 18, 2019 at 8:00 a.m., at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Jim Veldkamp, Dave Esselink, County Commissioner Stan Williamson, NRCS Levi, Campion, LMO Director Eric Hartman, LMO Assistant Director Doug Bos, and Office Managers Mary Thompson and Lynette Jauert.

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Motion to approve by Ossefoort and second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

New Employee

Brandon Bosch was introduced to the board as the new engineer technician for the district.

2020 Local Capacity and Buffer Implementation grant agreement.

Motion to approve by Cragoe and seconded by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

NRCS

Levi Campion advised board that CRP is now open for applications but technical difficulties are making it challenging as the rules have not come out yet. He also requested board members sign the Civil Rights and Equal Opportunity plan.

One Watershed One Plan Resolution and Joint Powers agreement

Bos advised that the County Board had a couple of concerns regarding fiscal handling management and requested wordage on Nobles Counties obligation as fiscal and administrative host for the money. They also requested we have a ranking system for scoring and processing of projects.

Motion to rescind the agreement approved on the November 18th, 2019 meeting by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Motion to accept the amended the resolution and joint powers agreement by Ossefort and seconded by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Cost Share Contract Amendments:

Thompson presented the following cost share amendments:

Michael and Patricia Shaeffer, FY16-FR2-23, to be amended from \$91,151.44 to \$113,706.65 due to miscommunication on placement of flags for waterway tile (Sas Farms did encumber a portion of the cost for this) and the need to rebuild the waterway due to 2017 rains and washouts. Motion to approve amendment by Cragoe, second by Esselink. Four ayes, one abstain, no opposes, motion carried.

John Klarenbeek, FY16-FR2-36, to be amended from \$44,967.72 to \$46,396.74 due to unknown tile or springs causing issues with draining of waterway. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Binford Farms, FY16-FR2-46, to be amended to 6/30/2020 expiration. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Chad Hoff, FY16-FR3A-14, to be amended to December 23, 2020 expiration. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

O. Nicholas Raths, FY16-FR3A-13, be amended to December 23, 2020 expiration. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Josh Fick, FY16-FR3A-12, be amended to December 23, 2020 expiration. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dave Lorenzen, FY17-FR3B-1, be amended to December 23, 2020 expiration. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Helen Kruger, FY17-FR3B-9, be amended from Helen Kruger to Eldon Kruger, POA. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Helen Kruger, FY17-FR3B-10, be amended from Helen Kruger to Eldon Kruger, POA and to amend the expiration to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Todd Matus, FY17-FR3B-11, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Todd Matus, FY17-FR3B-14, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Ivan Bouw, FY17-FR3B-15, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Carol Boelman, FY16-FR3B-15, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Carol Boelman, FY16-FR3B-17, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Gloria Boelman, FY17-FR3B-18, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dorothy Klosterbuer, FY17-FR3B-19, be amended expiration to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Monte Zwaan, FY17-FR3B-20, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Morris Fick, FY17-FR3B-21, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Gary & Rita Bush, FY 18-FR4-2, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dave Tilstra, FY18-FR4-4, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dean Tofteland, FY18-BCS-1, to amend contract from \$7,066.58 to \$11,252.39 due to waterway and basin costs being in two different contracts. Moved tile cost to waterway contract. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Jauert presented the following amendment:

Wayne Thompson, FY18-FR4-3, be amended to December 23, 2020. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Cost Share Payments:

Thompson presented the following contracts for payments:

Patricia Schaefer, FY16-FR2-23, for grassed waterway and terraces in Section 4, NE ¼ in Vienna Township, in the amount of \$47,196.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

John Klarenbeek, FY16-FR2-36, for WASCB and grassed waterway in Section 1, SE ¼ in Beaver Creek Township, in the amount of \$1,429.02. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Mark Kooistra, FY16-FR2-45, for Waterway, WASCB in Section 33, SW1/4 in Beaver Creek Township, in the amount of \$1,650.91. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Eldon Kruger, FY17-FR3B-9, for grassed Waterway in Section 4, SE ¼ of Vienna Township, in the amount of \$1,793.75. Motion to move payment from Flood 3B to Flood 2 by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Motion to approve payment by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Gary Drost, FY18-FR4-1, for WASCB in Section 23, NW ¼ of Clinton Township, in the amount of \$22,716.96. Motion to move payment from Flood 4 to Flood 2 by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. Motion to approve payment by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Dean Tofteland, FY18-BCS-1, for Grassed Waterway, in Section 33, SE 1/4 of Luverne Township, in the amount of \$7,236.59. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Carolyn Tofteland, FY18-BCS-7, for Grassed Waterway in Section 33, SW ¼ of Luverne Township, in the amount of \$10,113.78. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acres Payments:

Thompson presented the following contracts for payments:

Dean Tofteland, CUA-4, for 8.4 acres in Section 33, SE ¼ in Luverne Township for \$840.00. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Carolyn Tofteland, CUA-5, for 10 acres in Section 33, SW ¼ in Luverne Township for \$1,000.00. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Policy Discussion:

Discussion was held on the following two topics:

Type of crop required to plant: Rather than just small grain, should any crop be allowed as long as the producer is willing to destroy it should construction commence during the growing season?

Second Payment: If a producer plants conservation use acres and construction is not started or completed, will a payment for a second year be allowed in order to complete construction?

After discussion, motion by Esselink for the following amendment to the Conservation Use Acre Policy: Any type of crop will be allowed for conservation use acres. In order to be paid on crops it must be disced down for construction. If construction does not commence and the crop, other than small grain, is able to be harvested then no payment will be made. Payment can be made a second time if construction wasn't able to be started or completed and the producer is willing to plant conservation use acres a second year according to the policy. Second by Ossefoort, all ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills for Approval:

Thompson presented the following bills for approval:

Clifton Larson Allen LLP	\$1,750.00
City of Luverne	\$26.00

After review, motion was made to approve payment of bills by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman presented the Financial Statements. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Hartman presented the 2020 Budget. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented 2020 Meeting dates. After review, motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Motion to approve November 18, 2019 meeting minutes with correction that Cragoe had opposed the motion on the Binford CUA payment. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Motion to adjourn by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Lynette Jauert
Office Manager