

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, December 19, 2022**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held virtually Monday, December 19, 2022 at 8:00 am at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Gene Cragoe, Jim Veldkamp, NRCS Dylan Bartels, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Dave Esselink and County Commissioner Stan Williamson.

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

NRCS Update:

Bartels gave the following update: EQIP/CIC – MRWP - They had a decent number of applications. Not sure at this point in time how much funding they will receive. Applications were submitted for ranking on Friday, December 16.

2023 Meeting Schedule

Thompson presented the 2023 meeting schedule. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2023 Annual Plan of Work

Hartman presented stating there were a few minor changes but the plan remains mostly the same from year to year. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2023 Budget

Hartman presented the 2023 budget. Thompson noted the biggest change was removal of the Buffer Cost Share. Funds were returned to the state due to lack of project fitting the parameters for this funding. New Soil Health grant was added. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

One Watershed One Plan Updates

Thompson gave updates on projects sent to Nobles for December payment. There were 9 payments sent for approval; 3 waterway projects, 2 basin projects, 1 waterway and basin project and 3 cover crop payments.

State Cost Share Payment

Thompson presented the payment for contract FY21-3 for Todd Matus in the amount of \$23,841.99 for a waterway and basin project in Beaver Creek Township, SE ¼ of Section 11F. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Contract

Thompson presented contract CUA-59 for Todd Matus for 2.8 acres/\$100.00 per acre; \$280.00 in Beaver Creek Township, SE ¼ of Section 11F for a waterway and basin project. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Payments

Thompson presented the following conservation use acre payments:

CUA-51 Devon Fluit for small grain/cover crop for 10 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$1,000.00. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-53 Allen Nuffer for small grain/cover crop for 7 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$700.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-55 Mike Hamann for small grain/cover crop for 10 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$1,000.00. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-56 Shawn Feikema for small grain/cover crop for 10 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$1,000.00. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-58 Nate Ver Steeg for small grain/cover crop for 5.5 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$550.00. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-59 Todd Matus for small grain/cover crop for 2.8 acres at \$100/acre for a total of \$280.00. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Bills for Approval

Thompson presented the following bills for approval:

Regular Checking			
Date	Vendor Name	Service	Amount
12/19/2022	City of Luverne	Elec Facility Fee	28.00
12/19/2022	DVS Renewal	2009 PJ - Tree Matter Trailer Tabs	41.25
12/19/2022	Titan Machinery	Drill Repairs	1,060.51
12/19/2022	BMO Financial Group	Postage – MDA CC Challenge	17.05
12/19/2022	Tollefson Publishing	Tree Ads	220.00
12/19/2022	Mert's Repair	Drill Repairs	250.00

Cost Share Checking			
Date	Vendor Name	Service	Amount
12/19/2022	BMO Financial Group	Postage Aukes Demo Site – Soil Health	17.05
12/19/22	Bomgaar's	Zip Ties – CC Signs	12.99

Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All Ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Financial Statements

Hartman gave an overview of the November financial statements. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

MASWCD Annual Convention

Bos gave the following updates:

Funding did not get approved for a Conservation Agronomist through RCCP. The Nature Conservatory is working toward funding this type of position and are working with Central Crop Consulting for potential funding for this position as well.

The Inflation Reduction Act has allocated 2.9 billion to come toward soil health. There are currently 70 potential rural projects in the U.S. There is potential for another bill lien. Rock County has been chosen for a potential pilot project.

Hartman gave the following update:

Key projects and goals for SWCDs were identified and there will be continued on-line meetings to move forward with these efforts.

Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 21, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried. The board reviewed the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Upcoming Meeting

The next upcoming meeting will be Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

Adjourn

With no further business, motion to adjourn by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.



Respectfully submitted,
Mary Thompson
Office Manager

