

**Minutes of the meeting of the  
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District  
Monday, March 15, 2021**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held virtually Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:00 am at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Jim Veldkamp, Dave Esselink, Gene Cragoe, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director, Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson, Cheryl Heard, NRCS District Conservationist. Absent: County Commissioner Stan Williamson.

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Hartman added the Memorandum of Agreement with NRCS. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

**NRCS Update**

Cheryl Heard, NRCS District Conservationist, gave the updates from NRCS. Three new employees have started; Patrick Toomey, Dylan Bartels and Maggie Severson. March 26 marks the date for ranking of EQIP applications. CSP renewals for contracts expiring 12/31/2021 are due by March 31. With the addition of staff there will now be 4 employees reviewing 1026 forms in Marshall.

**Ag BMP Update**

Thompson presented an overview of the 2020 activity. There were \$628,692.93 in loans issued in 2021 with 10 loans to Ag Waste practices, 2 septic systems and 1 no-till drill. Funds available as of 12/31/2020 were \$521,537.93. As of this meeting there have been 5 loans issued in 2021 totaling \$183,685.00. All are for Ag Waste practices.

**2020 Feedlot Update**

Bos presented the feedlot summary for 2020. There proposed construction plans for 2 new hog barn sites and 49 feedlots inspected for compliance and re-registration.

Thompson and Bos gave an overview of the One Watershed One Plan projects. Of the 1.3 million \$900,000 was set for cost share projects. This money has been allocated among the 6 counties. There will be a joint powers meeting April 13 to possibly allocate some tech and admin dollars to projects and approve contracts that have been submitted. There is a list of 30 projects still awaiting contracts for funding. Another allotment will be in May of 2022.

**Conservation Use Acre Contracts**

Thompson presented the following conservation use acre contracts:

CUA-43 for Roger Hoff – 10 acres alongside a waterway project, SW 1/4, Section 17, Clinton Township. Motion to approve by Esselink; second by Ossefoort. Hoff abstaining. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-44 for Josh Rheault – 5 acres alongside a waterway project, SE 1/4, Section 17, Clinton Township. Motion to approve by Cragoe; second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

**Bills for Approval:**

Thompson presented the following bills for approval. After review motion was made to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

MASWCDE – District Employee Membership Dues \$70.00 (\$10.00 per employee)

**Review of Financial Statements**

Hartman presented the February Financial Reports. Motion by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

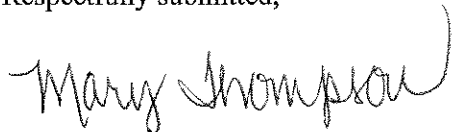
**Minutes**

The board reviewed the February minutes. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Next meeting will be April 19, 2021 unless otherwise needed then April 5.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Thompson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mary Thompson  
Office Manager