

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, April 20, 2020**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held via teleconference Monday, April 20, 2020 at 8:00 AM at the Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Roger Hoff, Josh Ossefoort, Dave Esselink, Gene Cragoe, Jim Veldkamp, LMO Director Eric Hartman, LMO Assistant Director Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Office Manager Lynette Jauert and County Commissioner Stan Williamson

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

Cost Share:

Thompson presented the following state cost share contracts.

FY-19-03 for Henry Meester for a grassed waterway project located in Section 26, SE ¼ of Kanaranzi Township in the amount of \$6,390.00. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Cragoe. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY18-03 for James and Betty Leuthold for a grassed waterway located in Section 26, SW ¼, Kanaranzi Township in the amount of \$2,415.00. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Thompson presented the following Conservation Use Acre contracts:

CUA-18 for Tim Fick for 5.8 acres at \$100 per acre associated with cost share project FY17-FR3B-18 for a water and sediment control basin. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

CUA-6 for Don Reker for cancellation of the contract per Reker's request as he had received payment for the acres through a cover crop program with FSA. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Policy Discussion

1) Can producers obtain a Conservation Use Acre contract if they are anticipating doing a conservation project? How far into the process do they need to be? After board discussion, motion was made by Cragoe and seconded by Esselink to allow a CUA contract when a producer is in anticipation of a cost share project. Survey, design and estimate must be done on the project. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

2) Can producers leave the acres bare to allow construction and plant something after the project is complete? After board discussion, motion to allow planting after completion of the project by Ossefoort, second by Esselink. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

3) Producer inquiry if he is still eligible for payment if payment was received through a prevent plant option on his crop insurance? After board discussion, motion was made to allow payment because the contract was in place before the option for prevent plant was in place for crop insurance. Producer still met the terms of the contract. Motion to approve by Esselink, second by Veldkamp. 4 ayes, one abstain as he works for the producer on this particular contract.

Bills for Approval:

Thompson presented the following bills for approval.
City of Luverne \$25.00

Rock County Land Records \$46.00
Schumacher's Nursery \$4,851.50

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

Review of Financial Report:

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

2020 Call for Resolution/2020 Resolution Process

The board was presented with information from MASWCD regarding resolution guidelines, resolution format and resolutions that will sunset in 2020. The deadline for submitting any new resolutions is July 21, 2020.

Minutes:

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

With no regular meeting scheduled in May, next meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2020 unless otherwise needed then May 4, May 18 or June 1, 2020.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Thompson
Office Manager