

**Minutes of the meeting of the
Rock County Soil and Water Conservation District
Monday, August 30, 2021**

A meeting of the Rock County Soil and Water District Board was held Monday, August 30, 2021 at 8:00 am at the Rock County Prairie Service Center with the following members present: Gene Cragoe, Josh Ossefoort, Jim Veldkamp, Roger Hoff, Director Eric Hartman, Assistant Director, Doug Bos, Office Manager Mary Thompson. Absent: Commissioner Stan Williamson and Dave Esselink

Chair Hoff called the meeting to order and asked for any additions to the agenda. Thompson requested an addition to approve the FY22/23 Programs and Operations Grant Agreement. Motion to approve with addition by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Wellhead Protection Grant

Bos presented the Wellhead Protection Partner Grant application for Tony Bosch. The application proposes to offer 137.8 acre tracts of land that would specify seeding the parcels into hay ground with an option for small grains once every 4-5 year to allow for regeneration of the ground. No commercial nitrogen fertilizer will be applied to the tracts. The land use practices would be inspected annually and verified compliant by the staff of the Rock SWCD. The contract will spell out penalties or payback of non-performance of the land use requirements. As another option, the farmer would possibly consider a permanent easement with the same allowed land use practices.

Resolution to Support Wellhead Protection Grant Application - Reduction of Nitrates in Public Drinking Water:

Bos presented the Resolution to support the grant application. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood 4 Contract

Thompson presented contract FY18-FR4-7 for Randy Mulder for a waterway project in the SW1/4 of Section 35, Luverne Township for \$\$4,356.00. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Flood 4 Payment

Thompson presented the payment for contract FY18-FR4-6 for Nick Bork for a waterway project in the SW ¼ of Section 23, Springwater Township in the amount of \$10,522.80. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Contract

Thompson presented contract CUA-49 Nick Bork for 6.9 acres/\$690.00 in the SW 1/4, Section 35, Luverne Township. Corresponding project is a grassed waterway, contract FY18-FR4-6. Motion to approve by Ossefoort, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Conservation Use Acre Payment

Thompson presented the payment for contract CUA-49 for Nick Bork for 6.9 acres/\$100 per acre. Payment is for \$690.00 for conservation use acres near a waterway project in the SW ¼, Section 35, Luverne Township. Motion to approve by Veldkamp, second by Ossefoort. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

FY22/23 SWCD Program and Operations Grant Agreement

Thompson presented the grant agreement for approval. Motion to approve by Cragoe, second by Veldkamp. All ayes, no opposes, motion carried.

Information Only

Bos updated the board on discussion at the Missouri River Watershed Plan (1W1P) joint powers meeting stating they had approved the new cost share policy, the state has approved funding of 1.3 million for 2022 and any money returning from project contracts will be allocated back out to new projects.

Next meeting will be September 20, 2021.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Thompson, Office Manager