

**Iowa Lakes RC&D
Board Meeting Minutes
Aug 6th, 2009
1:00 p.m.
(712) 262-2083**

PRESENT

Dan Heissel - Clay County
Jerry Crew – Clay County
Bill Graettinger – Emmet County
Bob Ness – Emmet County
Miriam Patten – Palo Alto County
Keith Wirtz – Palo Alto County
Joel Horsley – Palo Alto County
Bill Imhoff – Osceola County

Charlene Elyea – O’Brien County
Dr. Mark Schulz - O’Brien County
Bob Anderson – Buena Vista County
Dale Arends – Buena Vista County
Jeff Kestel – Coordinator
Alana Heying – Accountant
Sheriffa Jones-Architectural Historian

Meeting called to order by Dan Heissel, chair at 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA:

There was a motion by Bill Graettinger to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Bob Anderson. MCU

MINUTES:

Dan asked for any corrections or additions to minutes of previous meeting. No additions or corrections were made. There was a motion to approve minutes by Mark Schulz. The motion was seconded by Jerry Crew. MCU

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Mark and Alana reviewed the treasures report with the board. Alana informed the board that the budget has improved as we have progressed through the year. Adjustments have been made for income from various projects and that actual income and expense compared to the budgeted amounts are starting to more closely match original budgeted figures. A motion was then made by Jerry Crew to approve the treasures report. The motion was seconded by Bill Graettinger. MCU

NEXT MEETING DATE:

Next meeting will be October 2nd.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. NRCS Contribution Agreement:

Jeff reviewed the new contribution agreement with the board. The agreement requires the board to match NRCS dollars. The agreement is for \$10,000. A motion was made by _____ to approve and sign the agreement. The motion was seconded by _____. MCU

2. Fall Iowa League of RC&Ds meeting @ Honey Creek:

The board discussed the fall league meeting. Jeff handed out materials for the meeting. Mark schulz said he would plan to attend.

3. Iowa League of RC&Ds executive director activity report:

Warren Johnson’s Iowa League executive Directors report was handed out to the board for their review.

4. National RC&D Conference in Albuquerque, NM:

Jeff reported on the National meeting. He reviewed sessions he attended as well as the national association business meeting. He also touched on the high points of the question and answer sessions held by the National Association.

5. National RC&D Budget:

The board review information about the National RC&D budget and discussed need for contacting congressional officials to support a good budget for the RC&D program.

6. Solar Pumping Request:

There was a request from Eben Salton for assistance with a solar pumping project. No funding assistance could be provided since our funds for this project have all been allocated. EQIP program was suggested a possible other source of funds. We will still provide assistance with some system design needs.

7. Project Updates:

- a. Energy Efficiency grant completed for Harris Cooperative Elevator Association
- b. Project application from Local Food Market in Spirit Lake (will complete a pre-proposal for Leopold Center Grant)
- c. Request for assistance with Spencer Middle school with prairie and rain garden project.
- d. Farmers Bank Building-Tax Credits Filed HSPG Grant
- e. Masonic Lodge & Spencer VFW-Renaissance Initiative Grant
- f. Spirit Lake, Mini-Wakan State Park National Register Nomination
- g. LeMars, Sacred Heart Hospital National Register Nomination
- h. Scenic Byway

8. Tour of J&G Regional Services Inc:

This is a renewable energy project that we assisted with funding through USDA/RD.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Secretary Signature: _____ Mark Schulz