



Linn Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

8:45 am

Tentative AGENDA

In Person: Cedar Rapids-Linn County Solid Waste Agency 1954 County Home Road, Marion, IA 52302

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://solidwasteagency.zoom.us/j/86469962512?pwd=L1RaZ3FIZWIZbGlrZEhHcmVkemp4OT09>

Meeting ID: 864 6996 2512 Passcode: 542252

Present:

Commissioners:	<i>Present</i>	Office Staff:	<i>Present</i>
Laura Krouse		Levi Schwartz	
Robert Broulik		John Bruene	
SueEllen Hosch		Jon Gallagher	
Bruce Frana		Mark Bienemann	
Alan Horak		Marissa Cartwright	
Assistant Commissioners:		Jeanette Shoop	
Karmin McShane		Guests:	<i>Present</i>
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1. **Call Meeting to order by** _____ **@** _____ **a.m.**
2. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
3. **Guest speaker:** Dustin VandeHoef, Special Assistant for Agriculture for Senator Joni Ernst, and Brittney Carroll from Representative Hinson’s office.
4. **Approve minutes from 3/12/24.**
 - Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
5. **Approve corrected minutes:** from 10/19/23, 12/12/23, 2/13/24.
 - Motion by _____ Seconded by _____
6. **Public Comment** (5 Minutes maximum per individual)
7. **Treasurer’s Report:** Approve Treasurer’s Report & Financial from February 2024 and March 2024:
 - Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

8. Cost Share –Approve WQI Claims:

Name	Program	Practice	Estimated Cost	Cost Share Amt	Action
Kubik, Jacob	WQI	Cover Crops	\$7,200.00	\$2,160.00	Approve

➤ Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

9. Approve Compliance Plan for Reinstatement submitted by NRCS. *(Section 1619 of the Farm Bill-confidential information shall not be provided)*

➤ Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

10. Linn County Water Management Authorities Updates:

- a. City of Cedar Rapids Updates: Batch & Build Activities
- b. Indian Creek WMA Update
- c. Lower Cedar WMA Update
- d. Maquoketa River WMA Update
- e. Middle Cedar WMA Update
- f. Upper Wapsi WMA Board Meeting:(Notes from Karmin McShane from the 3/12/24 meeting in packet)

11. Old Business

- a. Discuss Policies and Priorities and Payment Limits DRAFT Document -Levi Schwartz
- b. Review 5 year plan – Review 2nd Priority Goal: Increase no-till acres and encourage long-term continuous no-till practices. **Please note:** *Claire Carlson, Planning Coordinator, NE Conservation Districts of Iowa would like to attend our May 14th meeting to review our 5 year plan*
- c. Nominations? 2024 District Award Information [lowans Encouraged to Nominate Conservation Leaders for the Iowa Farm Environmental Leader Award | Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship \(iowaagriculture.gov\)](https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Solid-Waste-EMS/EMS-Participants)
- d. Drill updates from Alan Horak

12. New Business

- a. Discuss Linn SWCD Commissioners Election this fall *(3 Commissioners up for election Laura, SueEllen and Allen).*
- b. EMS Grant Opportunity: [https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land- Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Solid- Waste-EMS/EMS-Participants](https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Waste-Planning-Recycling/Solid-Waste-EMS/EMS-Participants)
- e. EcoFest – Earth Day and Ag Day: Marissa Cartwright
- f. Linn County Fair – Youth Day 6/27/24 -- Jeanette Shoop
- g. Financial Site Visit: possible dates are 4/22, 4/23, 4/25, 4/26 - need 1 Commissioner present.

13. Staff / Commissioners Reports

- a. Commissioners:
- b. Assistant Commissioners:
- c. NRCS - DC and others
- d. County Resource Conservationist-Jon Gallagher
- e. Conservation Assistant – Jeanette Shoop – report on Fundraising Activities – *(in packet)*

14. Correspondence:

- a. Soil and Water Conservation Week is April 28 – May 4, 2024 *(flyer in packet)*

15. Next Meeting – May 14, 2024 – 8:45 a.m. at CR-Linn County Solid Waste Agency

16. Adjourn @ _____: Motion by _____ Seconded by _____