

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE COUNTY REAP COMMITTEE

(Resource Enhancement and Protection)

August 10, 2022

Members Present: Harley Pothoff (Chairperson, Dubuque County Board of Supervisors), Jay Wickham (Dubuque County Board of Supervisors), Kevin Dragotto (Dubuque County Auditor), Patrick Rea (Dubuque County Conservation Board), Stacy Conforti (Dubuque County Conservation Board), Danny Sprank (City of Dubuque), Steve Neyens (Friends of the Mines of Spain), Charles Winterwood (White Pine Chapter of Sierra Club)

Members Present on Zoom: Ann McDonough (Dubuque County Board of Supervisors), Janet Berger (City of Epworth), Wally Wernimont (Planning Services Manager for the City of Dubuque), Ed Raber (Project Coordinator, Dubuque County)

Staff Present: Brian Preston (Dubuque County Conservation Board), Lisa Schroeder (Dubuque County Conservation Administrative Assistant)

Staff Present on Zoom: Marie Ware (Leisure Services Manager)

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 P.M. by Chairperson, Harley Pothoff in the Supervisors' Chambers, 4th floor of the Dubuque County Courthouse and over zoom link

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88310442285?pwd=RGpMVE5XVTBEQmJKYm1DV2JGSIRiZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 1044 2285, Passcode: 101718

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Dubuque County REAP Committee was made by McDonough and seconded by Sprank. Motion carried unanimously.

Preston provided information on what percentages the REAP funds have been used for in the past. Iowa Legislature extended the REAP sunset to 2026. REAP has been in existence since 1989. Applications will be submitted thru the online system by August 15, 2022 by 5:00 P.M. Preston encouraged everyone to attend the REAP Assembly meeting in the fall of 2023.

Preston asked the members present to give feedback on setting a meeting time for next year. Ware and Berger said getting the REAP information out by July 1st and setting the meeting closer to the application deadline would be more beneficial. REAP meeting for next year will be August 7, 2023 at 1:00 PM.

Ware shared the City of Dubuque Fiscal Year 2023 updates to the REAP Plan. Berger shared the City of Epworth Fiscal Year 2023 updates to the REAP Plan. Preston shared the Dubuque County Fiscal Year 2023 update to the REAP Plan. Motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2023 REAP plan was made by Winterwood and seconded by Neyens. Motion carried unanimously.

Berger presented the REAP application for the City of Epworth. This is a resubmission to Epworth city park, Tower Park. Improvements to the park include expanding a concrete patio, adding lights, terracing a hillside for amphitheater seating and a native plant bed to attract pollinators and park users. These improvements would open the area to more functional ability making the use better for all. The

permeable pavers will provide storm water detention and allow handicap accessibility. Cost for the improvements estimated around \$107,000.00 so the REAP grant amount requested is \$75,000.00. Motion was made by Winterwood and seconded by Rea to approve the City of Epworth's REAP application. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Wickham and seconded by Neyens to adjourn the meeting at 3:16 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lisa Schroeder

Administrative Assistant

Dubuque County Conservation Board