LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT . . .



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Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, Lincoln SWCD Office, Ivanhoe, MN, June 15, 2022 @ 7:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair- Left-8:20 Dale Fier, Vice Chair-Glen Sorensen, Secretary Ronald Bunjer, PRI

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin. Austin DeVlaeminck, Dist. Tech. Sam Schardin, Engineering Tech.

BWSR

Jennifer Mocol-Johnson 7:30-7:45 call in.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 a.m. June 15, 2022 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 4-0

Minutes - April 20, 2022 Meeting

- Discussed minutes.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of April 20, 2022 regular meeting
 - Motion-Fier
 - Second- Bunier
 - Passed- 4-0

Treasurer's Report

- o Motion made to approve Treasurer's report
 - Motion-Bunjer
 - o Second-Fier
 - o Passed-4-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
 - o Motion-Fier
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed-4-0

Appointment of Keith Olson to fill District 1 Supervisor Position

The mission of the Lincoln SWCD is to protect and improve the quality of our water, soil, and natural resources by providing programs and services to the citizens and owners of Lincoln County to implement conservation practices.

- Motion made to approve the appointment of Keith Olson of Hansonville Township to fill the District
 1 Supervisor Position
 - o Motion-Bunjer
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed- 4-0

Review PRAP Response Letter From the SWCD to BWSR

- o Motion made to approve the SWCD's Response Letter in regards to the PRAP Audit by BWSR
 - o Motion-Fier
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed- 4-0

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-03-2022 Water Plan 2022 for \$500 Kent Mikkelsen for One Well (Manager Approved).

Manager explained the well sealing project.

Redwood-Cottonwood Rivers Control Area Joint Powers Agreement. (Glen Sorensen Signed on behalf of the Lincoln SWCD.

Discussion was held on the agreement.

Data Practice Policy update and review

- Policy was reviewed with the Supervisors. Motion made to approve the update of the Data Practice Policy.
 - o Motion-Sorensen
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed- 4-0

District Supervisors Policy review

- Policy was reviewed. Motion was made to keep the policy the same.
 - o Motion-Bunier
 - o Second-Fier
 - o Passed-4-0

County Budget Request for 2023

- O Discussed what to request for an increase to the County for the SWCD budget. Motion made to request a 5% increase.
 - o Motion-Sorensen
 - Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed- 4-0

Ag BMP Update

Discussed recent and future loan needs. May need to request more funding from the State

CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant

 Manager reported that all the paperwork and the request has been submitted for the Grant to Administer the CREP Program. Applied for \$40,075 for Technical/ Administration.

Area 5 meeting in Redwood Falls June 16

Discussion held on ride sharing and agenda items for the meeting.

NRCS/Lincoln SWCD Plant Materials class June 14, 2022 in Lincoln County

- O Discussion was held on the plant materials class that was held in Lincoln County June 14. Outcomes of the meeting were shared with the board. Motion was made to give a donation to the Lincoln HI Elementary for teachers supplies in the amount of \$200 for the use of the cafeteria for the plant materials class.
 - o Motion-Fier
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed-3-0

WCA Ag Exemption Approved. AGEX-01-2022 Citterman Dairy

o Discussion held on the decisions for the Ag Exemption for the Dairy operation for Cittermans.

DNR Boat Launch Project Lake Benton Lake (WCA)

O Discussion held on the possible options for the boat landing.

WCA TEP meeting held June 6, 2022

 Two projects were reviewed with Lincoln County Environmental office, BWSR and DNR. One project was the boat launch area potential project on Lake Benton Lake and the other was a potential tiling violation in Ash Lake Township.

PWRAP Audit by BWSR

- Discussion by Jennifer Mocol-Johnson of BWSR on the results of the PRAP Audit. Jennifer called into the office for the discussion.
- o Motion made to accept the results of the audit
 - o Motion-Fier
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed- 3-0

CRP Planting Update

- Discussion was held on the progress of the CRP plantings. Discussion was held on tractor needs for next season. Motion was made to order a second tractor for next year's grass seedings.
 - Motion-Sorensen
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed-3-0

Tree Planting Update

Discussion was held on the results of the 2022 tree plantings.

Lincoln County Collaboration Article and Video

 Discussion was held on the featured BWSR article for the Randy Janiszeski Basin/Waterway Project within the Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan priority area. Sterzinger was commended for his work with the project and the interview.

Fair Booth Discussion

o Discussion was held on the fair booth ideas

Watershed Reports

Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.

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- Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
 - o Projects update
 - o PRAP
 - 2 new projects signed up and accepted for cost share, 2 more sent for funding and 1 sent for payment with 1W1P
- Redwood WRAPS
 - Lake Redwood dredging is going to start.
- Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
 - o Planning update given for One Watershed One Plan
- Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
 - o No update

Other Business

- Discussion was held on the employee policy flex day rules.
 - Motion was made to change the policy allowing for comp time on the employees flex day if they are needed to be at work. All comp time is to be approved by the manager.
 - o Motion-Bunjer
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed-3-0
- Discussion held on the new federal mileage rate. Motion was made to increase the rate from \$.585
 to \$.625 cents per mile to match the federal rate effective July 1, 2022.
- Discussion held by the board to give a mid-year bonus to the employees based on the cost of living increase. Motion made to give the Technicians \$500 and the Manager \$750 as a bonus from District funds.
 - o Motion-Sorensen
 - Second- Bunjer
 - o Passed- 3-0
 - County Commissioner Report- No report
 - District Manager's Report
 - o WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
 - WCA Training in Spicer was attended
 - General reporting
 - District Technician Report
 - Reported on CREP, Trees, Walk-in Access
 - Engineering Technician Report
 - Reported on Seed and Engineering programs
 - NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 27, 2022 @ 7:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 AM. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen to adjourn. Passed 3-0.

APPROVED: 823-2022 Company DATE SIGNATURE