

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, March 16, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair
Dale Fier, Vice Chair
Daniel Christianson, Treasurer- Call in
Glen Sorensen, Secretary
Ronald Bunjer, PRI

District Staff Present:

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

BWSR Staff

Jason Beckler

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. March 16, 2022 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

Minutes – January 19, 2022 Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of January 19, 2022 regular meeting
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 5-0

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's report
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Fier
 - Passed- 5-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 5-0

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.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

State Cost share local capacity 2020 contract LC20 -02 for \$4,276 Ron Wiering Basin Project

- Motion made to approve Ron Wiering contract number LC20-02 for basins at the amount of \$4,276
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed 5-0

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-01-2022 Water Plan 2022 for \$500 Vivian Larson Living Trust for One Well

- Motion made to approve contract WP-WS-01-2022 Vivian Larson Living Trust for One Well at \$500
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second-Fier
 - Passed-5-0

Transfer of funds from checking to money market in the amount of \$150,000

- Motion made to transfer \$150,000 from the checking to the money market account
 - Motion-Fier
 - Second-Bunjer
 - Passed-5-0

Well Monitoring agreement with DNR

- Discussion was held on the addition of 2 new wells in Lincoln County

Sustainable Farming Association Coteau Ridge Chapter Sponsorship

- Motion Made to sponsor at a \$500 per year rate. Discussion had on the meeting held in Ivanhoe. SWCD paid for the guest speakers and the venue for \$1,450 out of the Local Capacity 2021 grant for education.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second-Bunjer
 - Passed-5-0

Highway 14 Tour Report

- Discussion held on the Highway 14 tour meeting held in Lake Benton on March 1, 2022

MAWQCP Update

- Discussion held on the Ag Water Quality Certification Program

SWCD AID from the State of MN as a permanent funding source

- Discussion held on making local capacity funding a part of the State's general budget not out of clean water funds.

NRCS Civil Rights discussion

- Discussion held on civil rights. Board members signed the document.

MASWCDE Dues

- Discussion held on the dues that were paid by the SWCD

SWCD Audit for 2021

- Motion made to hire Peterson Company LTD to complete the 2021 audit.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second-Fier
 - Passed-5-0

PWRAP Audit by BWSR

- Discussion held on the upcoming audit to programs by BWSR

State Cost Share 2019 Audit by BWSR

- Discussion was held on the State cost share audit for the 2019 year. Beckler stated that all looked good with the exception of some minor changes that would need to take place for future contracts.

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

- Discussion was held on the plant materials class to be held in Lincoln County June 14. Lincoln SWCD along with the NRCS area office, will be educating SWCD/NRCS Technicians throughout southern MN on CRP plantings, ground prep., plant selection, drill operations and etc..

PF Wetland Restorations Lake Stay Township Section 3 WCA Approval

- Discussion held on the plan that Pheasants Forever presented to the WCA Administrator

WCA Boundary and Type Determination Notice of application for Buffalo Ridge Wind

- Discussion held on the application for Buffalo Ridge Wind

WCA Utility Exemption LTS Telecommunication Services (Rapid City to Minneapolis)

- Discussion held on the process for the Utility Exemption

DNR Boat Launch Project Lake Benton Lake (WCA)

- Discussion held on the potential land exchange and wetland impacts. The SWCD board showed support for the exchange of land and the potential plan for mitigating the wetland impacts.

CREP Application in the Lake Shaokatan Watershed

- Discussion was held on the application for CREP along Lake Shaokatan and the benefits to water quality for the Lake

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
 - Projects update
 - Potentially looking at new scoring, ranking and tracking designed by Houston engineering.
 - Redwood WRAPS
 - Planning update on WRAPS
 - Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
 - Planning update given for One Watershed One Plan
 - Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
 - Changes to the cost share policy
 - New scoring and ranking workbook designed by Houston Engineering

Other Business

- No other Business discussed
 - County Commissioner Report- Commissioner Joe Drietz called manager prior to meeting
 - Repairing Roof on Courthouse and Jail with COVID Dollars
 - Pictometry Flight will be coming up

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- Missouri River 1W1P Policy meeting update
- District Manager's Report
 - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
 - Discussion on Gas Prices
 - Information discussed on unemployment and Ag BMP loan program
- District Technician Report
 - Reported on activities that took place over the last two months.
 - Discussed in more depth the soil health meetings that took place in Lincoln County over the last month.
- Conservation Technician Report- Given by Manager
 - Seeding acres reported
 - Designed a waterway
 - Attended multiple meetings on soil health practices.
- NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022 @ 7:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at 11:50A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Fier . Passed 5-0.

APPROVED:

4-20-22

DATE

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