

# 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, January 24, 2023 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Board Members:

Josh Osland- PRI  
Dale Fier, Chair- Absent  
Ronald Bunjer, Vice Chair  
Keith Olsen, Treasurer-  
Tony Dwire, Secretary

### District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.  
Austin DeVlaeminck  
Noah Steffen  
Joy Bruns  
County Commissioner  
Joe Drietz

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am January 24, 2024, by Vice Chairperson Ron Bunjer.

### **Approve Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda.
  - Motion- Dwire
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 4-0
  
- **Elections of Officers and Board Officer Appointments (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations)**

Motion Made for board appointments as follows: -Chair Dale Fier, -Vice Chair Ron Bunjer, - Secretary-Tony Dwire, -Treasurer-Keith Olsen and -PRI Josh Osland. All positions kept the same as 2023.

  - Motion- Dwire
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 4-0
  
- **Committee Assignments (1 Primary and 1 Alternate for each)**
  - RCRC/A/area 2 Redwood River 1W1P -Bunjer- Osland
  - SWPTSA- Dwire – Bunjer
  - Yellow Medicine River Watershed Advisory- Fier-Dwire
  - Lac Qui Parle Watershed Advisory- Olsen- Fier
  - Missouri 1 Watershed 1 Plan Policy Committee- Osland- Olsen
  - Personnel Committee- Dwire- Olsen

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- Motion Made to approve committee assignments

- Motion- Dwire
- Second- Osland
- Passed- 4-0

- **Set Mileage Rate** at the new IRS rate of .67 cents per mile.

- Motion- Olsen
- Second- Dwire
- Passed- 4-0

- **Designate Official Depositories**

Motion to designate – Hendricks First Security Bank (primary) and to close our flex spending account at BMO Ivanhoe.

- Motion- Dwire
- Second- Osland
- Passed- 4-0

- **Designate Official Newspaper-** Ivanhoe Times Newspaper

- Motion- Olsen
- Second- Osland
- Passed- 4-0

- **Designate Check Signing Authority** – Motion to have all Board Members and staff be able to sign. 2 signatures are required on all checks. Technicians are not to sign the same checks without managers approval.

- Motion- Dwire
- Second- Olson
- Passed- 4-0

- **Determine Monthly Meeting Date and Time-** 8:00 am May-October and 10:00 am November-April

- Motion- Olsen
- Second- Osland
- Passed- 4-0

### **Minutes – December 20, 2023 Meeting**

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of December 20, 2023 regular meeting
  - Motion- Dwire
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's report
  - Motion- Dwire
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 4-0

## **Bills**

- Motion made to approve bills
  - Motion- Dwire
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 4-0

## **Final 2022 Audit**

- Motion was made to approve the SWCD 2022 final audit
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 4-0

## **Alternative intake contract and payment WP-BI-02-2022 \$3,500 for 7 intakes Thooft Bros LLC**

- Manager discussed that a contract was signed and the work was completed in December so payment was made to Thooft Bros LLC from the 2022 local water management grant. The grant is completed and closed. No motion needed.

## **Soil Health Staffing Grant. SWPTSA will be a partner**

- Discussion was held on contracting with a landowner, seed company or crop consultant.
- A motion was made to move forward with the staffing grant through the SWPTSA and partner with Olsen Custom Farms Agronomy Division if the grant is received.
  - Motion- Dwire
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 4-0

## **Minnesota Campaign Finance Board information**

- Discussion was held in regards to board member action needed for the Finance Board by January 29, 2024

## **Employee Policy Review**

- Discussion was tabled until the February meeting. Manager stated that the policy will be sent to an attorney to be re-written in 2024. Board members agreed.

## **Reporting**

- Discussion held on the reporting completed that is due by February 1, 2024.

## **Watershed Reports**

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Applied for an additional \$1 million for soil health practices and received \$342,085. We have contracts ready to utilize all of those funds.
- Lac Qui Parle River 1W1P- Applied for \$1 million in additional funding and received \$311,981. Discussion was held on the policy meeting by manager and Ketih Olsen.
- Missouri 1W1P- Well head letters will be sent in the future. SWCD staff is looking for a well head grant to apply for. Missouri applied for \$700,000 in extra funding and received \$587,586.

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- Redwood- Waiting on next meeting. MOA was signed by the board agreeing to work with all the partners listed in the MOA on the planning of the Redwood 1W1P.

#### **Ag BMP**

- We have less than \$1,900 left in the account. Manager talked with the Dept of Ag. No additional funds are available at this time.

#### **Other Business**

- **WCA Violation in Ash Lake Section 3**
  - Discussion was held on the situation and TEP notes were discussed. A Motion was made to waiver the \$150 fee if the landowner complies with the TEP recommendation. If the landowners does not comply, a restoration order is to be issued and the full restoration order fee of \$500 is to be charged.
    - Motion- Olsen
    - Second- Dwire
    - Passed- 4-0
- **MOA Redwood 1W1P**
  - Motion was made to sign into the MOA and work with the partners listed in the MOA to develop a One Watershed One Plan for the Redwood Watershed.
    - Motion- Dwire
    - Second- Olsen
    - Passed- 4-0
- **PF National Convention in Sioux Falls and the Purchase of Welding Equipment**
  - The board gave a consensus vote on approving the staff to go to the PF National Convention on March 1, 2024, in Sioux Falls SD and additional approval to the manager to purchase a welder and supplies for the shop.
- **Reports:**
  - County Commissioner Report- Joe Drietz gave a report of activities that the commissioner have been working on.
  - District Manager's Report
    - WCA work
    - Doing Reporting
    - Working on cost share contracts
  - Conservation Technician Report
    - Gave a report on seed, trees, cover crops, Hwy 14 tour. Technician discussed that he is a partner in a new drone business for spraying and cover crop applications. Board gave a consensus vote of approval. The technician is not allowed to sell cover crop seed or any other products that the SWCD offers.
  - Technical Advisors Report
    - Gave a report on the drainage water management grant, trainings, elink training with the manager, reduction calculation training with manager and letter work for well head area.
  - NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2024 @ 10:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at ~~11:55~~<sup>11:35</sup> AM. Motion made by Osland , Seconded by Olsen , to adjourn the meeting . Passed 4-0.

APPROVED:

2/24/24  
DATE

  
SIGNATURE

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