

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, July 16, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members:

Josh Osland- Secretary
Jeff Paluch- PR&I-
Ronald Bunjer, Chairman- Absent
Keith Olsen, Treasurer- Absent
Tony Dwire, Vice Chairman

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Noah Steffen-
Brendan Reiss-
Joy Bruns- Absent

Meeting called to order at 8:03 am July 16, 2025, by Vice Chairperson Tony Dwire.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Paluch
 - Passed- 3-0

Minutes – June 18, 2025, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of June 18, 2025, regular meeting
 - Motion- Paluch
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve the Bills and Treasurer's report
 - Motion-Osland
 - Second- Paluch
 - Passed- 3-0
- **Payment WP-WS-08-2024 Jeff Carpenter Well Sealing one well \$500 Diamond Lake 27 (Manager approved).**
- **Payment WP-WS-05-2024 Luke Nibbe Well Sealing one well \$500 Lake Benton 9. (Manager Approved).**

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- **Payment VWH-07-2025 Nick Thooft Cover Crops for \$40,756.50 Verdi 12**

- Motion was made to approve the payment of \$40,756.50 to Nick Thooft contract VWH-07-2025 for cover crops Verdi 12.
 - Motion-Osland
 - Second- Paluch
 - Passed- 3-0

Water Drainage Issue

- Manager explained landowner concerns regarding tile drainage due to a wetland exemption.

SWCD Sign Update

- Manager reported that he is working with the Hwy Dept. on getting the sign work done in September.

RCPP Grant Update and Ranking Questions

- The manager explained the status of the new RCPP Soil Health Grant and went through the change in ranking questions with the board. A motion was made to approve the revision of the ranking questions.
 - Motion- Paluch
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

Pickup Topper Price

- The manager explained the estimate for a pickup topper. He also inquired about purchasing a used van rather than purchasing a topper. A motion was made to purchase a topper and a slide out deck system for the chevy pickup.
 - Motion- Paluch
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

Audit July 17 Update

- Discussion was held on the upcoming audit on July 17.

Grass Seeding Updates and Issue's

- Discussion was held on the completion of the 2025 CRP plantings.

Technical Programs Update

- Technicians and Manager discussed the status of all technical programs (Trees, Seed, Ag BMP, Soil Health and WCA)

Watershed Reports

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Next meeting is coming up on July 21 for the plan work group. Starting to plan for the next 10-year plan. Worked on grant reconciliation with Michelle and Julie.
- Lac Qui Parle River 1W1P- We had one CRP inventive for \$27,285 approved by the Policy Committee. I updated the group on the hay and pasture plantings for the two contracts we have in Lac qui Parle. RCPP funding for water quality and storage grant funds were cut by the Federal Government.
- Missouri 1W1P- Discussed the mid-point evaluation. The manager showed where the group is at with goals.

- Redwood- Steering committee and policy committee met on July 14. The Policy committee approved the internal review and approved the timeline for the formal 60-day review. The plan should be completed and approved by BWSR in December or January.

Other Business- No other business

- **Reports:**

- County Commissioner Report- Not present
- District Manager's Report
 - WCA work
 - Helped plant Native Grasses
 - Working on cost share contracts and audit information
 - Will be instructing a Windbreak Tree class with Mark Peper of PF on August 13.
- Technical Advisors Report
 - Working on cover crop contracts for Verdi DWSMA and Lac qui Parle 1W1P
 - Seed program, WIA, Environmental fair reports.
- Conservation Technician Report-
 - Doing training
 - Running the tractor for grass seeding
- NRCS Report- Not Present

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2025, at 8:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM. Motion made by Osland, seconded by Paluch, to adjourn the meeting. Passed 3-0.

APPROVED: _____

Ronald D. Burger

8-20-2025

Signature

Date

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