

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

Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair- Absent
Dale Fier, Vice Chair-
Glen Sorensen, Secretary
Ronald Bunjer, PRI
Keith Olsen, Treasurer

District Staff:

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

NRCS

Randy Sheik- Absent

County Commissioner

No Commissioner present

Meeting called to order at 10:10 a.m. November 16, 2022 by Vice Chairperson Dale Fier

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes – September 21, 2022 Meeting

- Discussed minutes.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of September 21, 2022 regular meeting
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 4-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 4-0

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

Pictometry MN Lidar Plan- MN River Basin

- Motion was made to dedicate \$3,000 toward the Pictometry MN Lidar Plan
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 4-0

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-07-2022 Payment for \$500 Jon Worth one well (Manager approved Payment.)

- Manager approved payment

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-10-2022 Payment Water Plan 2022 for \$1000 two wells for Dennis Willert (Manager Approved).

- Manager approved payment.

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-09-2022 payment for \$500 one well for Joy Bruns (Manager approved)

- Manager explained the well sealing project. Manager approved the payment

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-12-2022 for \$500 Ralph Ochocki one well (Manager approved)

- Manager explained the well sealing project. Manager approved the payment.

Well Sealing contract number WP-WS-13-2022 for \$500 Larry Moulton for one well (Manager Approved the contract).

- Manager explained the well sealing project. Manager approved the payment.

State Cost Share Payment contract number FY20-01 for \$13,767.05 Frank Engels for basins.

- Motion was made to approve the payment of \$13,767.05 to Frank Engels for the completed basin project.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 4-0

Local Capacity 2020 cost share payment contact number LC-20-01 for \$3637 to Ron Bedow for basins.

- Motion made to approve the payment of \$3637 to Ron Bedow for Basins.
 - Motion- Sorensen
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Local Capacity 2020 cost share payment contract number LC-20-03 \$6,293 and State Cost Share 2021 payment contract number FY21-01 \$10,037 to Gary Van Hyfte for basins.

- Motion was made to approve the cost share payments to Gary Van Hyfte for the basin project.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

2023 wage increase discussion

- Motion was made to approve a 5% percent cost of living increase along with the technicians step increases of \$.40 for the 2023 year. The board also approved a \$5,000 bonus to each employee to be paid in January of 2023.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Bunier

- Passed- 4-0

Final Audit Payment

- Discussion was held on the final audit. Manager explained that the audit was \$50 cheaper than first quoted. Manager approved and paid the auditor.

Tree Cooler Condenser, fan blades and motor damage. MCIT Claim. (\$7500 to Replace).

- Discussion held on the damage caused by a loose fan blade. Manager made the claim to MCIT. \$7500 to fix the issue. Hill refrigeration of Brookings replaced the condenser unit. Manager approved the repair in order to have the cooler ready for Spring.

State Convention Roll Call

- Discussion was held on whom would be attending the State Convention in December

Upset individual in regards to weeds blowing into their yard from Neighbors CRP

- Discussion was held on this issue. Board felt it was not an issue or fault of the SWCD. It was explained that the seed supplier came to the site and reviewed the issue and the landowner was contacted about the maintenance of the first year planting. Seed Supplier has all test for the seed mix. The board felt the staff did everything they could to resolve the complaint. A motion was made by the board for the staff to end any conversation with a landowner who is acting in a hostile manner. Any threats of being sued or otherwise are to be directed to the County Attorney by the manager.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed- 4-0

Seed Program update

- Technician gave an update on the seed program

Tree Program Update

- Manager gave an update

Ag BMP Update

- Discussed status of possible loans and funds. Funding for a dairy was not utilized.

BWSR Academy Report

- Technician and Manager gave the report

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
 - Projects update
 - Completed 7-9 basins projects in Yellow Med.
 - Doing payouts of cost share and finalizing projects
 - Will request an extension of the Yellow Med 1W1P 2021 grant with the watershed
 - Redwood WRAPS
 - Sorensen reported that the Lake Redwood dredging is completed.

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- Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
 - Planning update given for One Watershed One Plan. Public hearing December 15.
- Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
 - No update

Other Business

- **Highway 14 Tour**
 - Sam discussed the tour and potential funding needed from the District
- **Health Insurance Increase**
 - Motion was made to increase the single coverage to \$700 per month that the SWCD will cover within the employee policy.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 4-0
- **Transfer of funds from checking to money market account**
 - Discussion was held on moving funds. Board left it to the discretion of the Manager to move funds from the checking to money market account.

Reports

- County Commissioner Report- No report
- District Manager's Report
 - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
 - General reporting
- District Technician Report
 - Report on CREP and trees
- Engineering Technician Report- Sam discussed the new Drone and project surveys.
 - Kramer CREP update
- NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2022 @ 10:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 AM. Motion made by Bunjer , Seconded by Sorensen to adjourn. Passed 4-0 .

APPROVED:



Signature

12-21-22

Date