

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, Ivanhoe, MN, October 20, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.
Sam Schardin, Conservation Technician
County Commissioner
Not Present

Meeting called to order at 7:05 a.m. October 20, 2021 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes – September 15, 2021 Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of September 15, 2021 regular meeting
 - Motion- Christianson
 - Second- Fier
 - 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- Christianson
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

New Technician Position

- Discussion held on the new hire of Austin Devlaeminck

Personnel Discussion

- Discussion held on Cobra Insurance and personnel reviews for 2021.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Health Insurance

- Discussion held on broker fees paid. It will be expected to have our broker take a more active role in our health insurance especially with new employee enrollment.
- Motion made by the board to approve Panka Insurance as our Health Insurance Broker.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Christianson
 - Passed- 5-0

2020 Audit information

- Discussion held on the audit by Peterson Company LTD. All information requested by Peterson Company was supplied by the Lincoln SWCD.
- Motion made to sign the representation letter and approve the preliminary audit by Peterson Company LTD.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

Payment approval for Andrew Swanson contract number FY-19-02-LCM for Water Sediment Control Basin in the amount of \$6,993.

- Motion made to approve payment for the basin project for Andrew Swanson in Limestone Township Section 34.
 - Motion- Sorensen
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

2022 Local Capacity Work Plan

- Discussion held on how to categorize the \$126,895 funding from the 2022 Local Capacity State Grant.
- Motion made to utilize \$16,895 for cost share and \$110,000 for two technicians wages in 2022 and 2023.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Christianson
 - Passed- 5-0

NTD Storage

- Discussion held on storage options for the new 15 foot no till grass seeder.
- Motion made to pay Nathan Pavek \$300 for storage of the drill in his shed for the winter months.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Fier
 - Passed- 5-0

Programs update

- Manager gave an update on Trees, WCA, Ag BMP.

CREP/RIM Projects Update

- Technician gave an update on projects and spot checks.

Transfer of funds from Checking to Money Market Account

- Motion made to transfer \$300,000 from the checking account to the money market account.
 - Motion- Fier

- Second- Bunjer
- Passed- 5-0

Polaris Ranger Order

- Manager discussed that the Polaris Ranger was order through Brookings Power Sports. Total purchase price with accessories was \$17,365. The balance after the trade will be \$10,665.

Car Trailer purchase

- Manager was given a \$10,000 budget to purchase a heavy duty tilt bed car trailer. Trailer was purchased from Schuchard's Trailer Sales in Watertown SD for \$8,410. The next closest bid price was \$10,300.

Seed Sales 2022

- Discussion held by the technician on potential seed sales for 2022.

State Convention

- Discussion held on the State Convention to be held on December 12-14, 2021. The convention is planned to be face to face as of now.

BWSR Academy

- BWSR academy is to be held online the end of October. All employees are registered for classes

Conservation Farmer Award

- Discussion was held on Keith Olsen being nominated as the 2021 Conservation Award Winner. Keith Olsen proudly accepted the award and was very thankful.

Budget Discussion

- Discussion was held on the 2022 budget.
- Motion made to accept the 2022 budget with suggested changes
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Christianson
 - Passed- 5-0

Drill Policy Review

- Technician reviewed policy with the board.
- Motion made to add the new wording for out of county use of the no till grass seeders. \$15/acre with the purchase of seed and \$25/acre for seeder only.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Fier
 - Passed- 5-0

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
 - Projects update
 - Reimbursement issue with a bill

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