

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, Nielsen Lanes, Ivanhoe, MN, February 17th, 2021 @ 10:00 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.

Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m. February 17th, 2021 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

Approve Agenda

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

Committee Assignments (1 Primary and 1 Alternate for each)

- Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan representative Dale Fier, Ron Bunjer as alternate.
 - Motion- Sorensen
 - Second- Christianson
 - Passes- 5-0

Minutes – January 20th, 2021 Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of January 20th, 2021 regular meeting
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Christianson
 - Passed- 5-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills

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- Motion- Bunjer
- Second- Christianson
- Passed- 5-0

Employee Policy Review

- Motion made to approve changes to employee policy
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

Personnel Committee meeting discussion

- Motion made to enact the restructuring of the office based on the requirements and responsibilities of the positions in response to program requirements and funding availability for the future needs of the office in order to streamline delivery of programs to our SWCD constituency. Based on the boards recommendation, the manager is to complete the restructuring over the next two months.
 - Motion- Sorensen
 - Second- Fier
 - Passed- 5-0

Approve the hiring of a New Conservation Technician

- Motion made to hire a new conservation technician to replace Mitch Pederson who resigned as of January 31st, 2021. Starting wage approved to start up to \$26/hr due to cost of living increase from 2020 to 2021.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

State Cost share contract FY19-02 for waterway \$3,000

- Motion made to approve William Behnke contract number FY19-02 for a waterway \$3,000.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - Passed 5-0

NTD funding update

- Discussion was held on Buffer funding from Lincoln County that was requested by Manager, to be used toward the new no till drill. \$13,000 of buffer funds to be used.

SWCD support for a resolution to the Commissioners to extend the local water plan

- Motion made to support a recommendation to Lincoln County for a seven-year extension to our local water plan.
 - Motion- Christianson
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0

Reporting

- Manager gave reports on the following issues. No motion needed.
 - Ag BMP
 - State Auditor
 - Elink
 - 319 Grant
 - CREP

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
 - Projects update
 - 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
 - Group applied for \$2.4 million in RCPP funds for soil health practices

Other Business

- Motion to accept Mitch Pederson’s resignation
 - Motion- Christianson
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 5-0
- Jessie Weber cost share on waterways. Local county buffer funds. \$12,000 payable when received from the County.
- Reminder of Area 5 meeting
- Reports:
 - County Commissioner Report- Commissioner Joe Drietz called manager prior to meeting. No report given.
 - District Manager’s Report
 - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
 - No Loss Determination application to review for the City of Tyler
 - NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M. via Zoom.
Meeting was adjourned at 12:09A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen. Passed 5-0.

APPROVED: _____

4-21-2021

DATE



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