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, April 20, 2022 @ 7:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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

District Staff Present:

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

BWSR

Jennifer Mocol-Johnson 8:00-8:20 call in.

Meeting called to order at 7:08 a.m. April 20, 2022 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

Approve Agenda

- Additions made under other business.
- Motion to approve the agenda
 - Motion- Sorensen
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 4-0

Minutes - March 16, 2022 Meeting

- Discussed minutes.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022 regular meeting
 - Motion-Sorensen
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 4-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
 - o Motion-Sorensen
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o 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.

Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-02-2022 Water Plan 2022 for \$500 Randy Bushman for One Well

- Motion made to approve contract WP-WS-02-2022 Randy Bushman for One Well at \$500
 - o Motion-Bunjer
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed-4-0

Erosion Control and Water Management Program Approval of Changes to Cost Share Policy

- Motion made to approve the changes of adding drainage water management and saturated buffers to the state cost share policy.
 - o Motion-Bunjer
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed- 4-0

BWSR RCPP application for water storage. Give manager approval to sign/send a support letter

- Motion made giving the manager approval to sign/send a support letter for the RCPP application for water storage.
 - o Motion-Sorensen
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed- 4-0

Transfer of funds from checking to money market in the amount of \$200,000

- Motion made to transfer \$200,000 from the checking to the money market account
 - o Motion-Bunjer
 - o Second-Sorensen
 - o Passed- 4-0

WCA audit by BWSR

• Manager discussed the WCA audit process. Lincoln SWCD passed the audit with no issue's.

NRCS/Lincoln SWCD Plant Materials class June 14, 2022 in Lincoln County

• Discussion was held on the plant materials class to be held in Lincoln County June 14. Site locations and planned details were discussed.

WCA Boundary and Type Determination Notice of Decision for Buffalo Ridge Wind

• Discussion held on the decisions for Buffalo Ridge Wind. A Boundary/Type B&T-01-2022 and a No Loss NL-01-2022 were issued.

DNR Boat Launch Project Lake Benton Lake (WCA)

Discussion held on the potential land exchange and TEP process.

CREP Application in the Lake Shaokatan Watershed

• Discussion was held on the application for CREP along Lake Shaokatan. Application has been signed and submitted to the BWSR office.

SWPTSA Managers meeting report on Conservation Agronomist Position

 Discussion held on the plans to apply for Federal funds to work with New Vision COOP of Brewster MN for a Conservation Agronomist Position to work with Soil Health and Carbon Crediting. • Discussion by Jennifer Mocol-Johnson of BWSR on the upcoming PWRAP Audit. Jennifer called into the office for the discussion.

Grass Seeder service area discussion

 Discussion was held on what distance would be allowable for the grass seeders to travel into other counties.

Fair Booth Discussion

Discussion was held on fair booth ideas

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
 - o Projects update
 - Potentially looking at new scoring, ranking and tracking designed by Houston engineering.
 - Manager filled out PRAP information for BWSR
 - 3 new projects signed up and accepted for cost share with 1W1P
 - Redwood WRAPS
 - o Lake Redwood dredging is going to start.
 - Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
 - Planning update given for One Watershed One Plan
 - Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
 - Discussed conservation agronomist position to be utilized mostly in the Missouri Watershed.

Other Business

Local capacity 2020 contract LC20 -03 for \$6,293 and State Cost Share FY21-01 for \$10,037 Gary Van Hyfte Basin Project

- Motion made to approve Gary Van Hyfte contract number LC20-03 and FY21-01 for basins at the amount of \$6,293 and \$10,037 for basins.
 - o Motion-Sorensen
 - o Second-Bunjer
 - o Passed- 4-0

Technician six month raise

- Motion made to approve the \$1.00 per hour raise for the District Technician for passing the six month probation period.
 - o Motion-Bunjer
 - Second- Sorensen
 - o Passed-4-0

EDA lot next to SWCD building

• Discussion held on the issues of the lot not being able to be developed.

Polaris Ranger Extended Warranty

- Discussion held on purchasing an extended warranty for the Polaris ranger.
 - County Commissioner Report- No report.

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- District Manager's Report
 - o WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
 - o Ag BMP loan program funding update
- District Technician Report
 - o Reported on CREP, Trees, Walk-in Access and Arc Gis
- Conservation Technician Report
 - Seeding acres reported
 - o Waterway design and plant materials class reported on.
 - Working with Xcel Energy on a CREP easement
- NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2022 @ 7:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office. The board decided that no meeting will be held in May.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45 AM. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen to adjourn. Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: 6-15-2022 CONSTURE SIGNATURE