

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, August 16, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Dale Fier, Chair,
Keith Olsen, Treasurer
Tony Dwire, Secretary- Absent
Ronald Bunjer, Vice Chair
Josh Osland, PRI

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.
Austin DeVlaeminck, Con. Tech.-Left 8:20

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m. August 16, 2023 by Chairperson Dale Fier.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda with the change of adding Well sealing contract WP-WS-19-2022 and other business items of annual leave payout to past employee, cost share policy changes and RCRC Joint Powers Agreement.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

Minutes – July 26, 2023 Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of July 26, 2023 regular meeting
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 3-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 4-0

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New Hire Discussion

- Discussion was held on the job title and duties of the new employee as reviewed in the updated job description.

Manager Approved Well Sealing payment and contract

- Contract payment WP-WS-18-2022 Travis Noble one well \$500
- Cost Share Contract number WP-WS-19-2022 Denise Jones one well \$500
- Discussion was held on the payment and new contract. No approval needed .

State Cost Share Contract number FY-02-2022 basins for Jared Rouge \$8,545

- Motion was made to approve contract number FY-02-2022 for \$8,545 for basins
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

State Cost Share Contract number FY-23-SH-02 Soil Health for Tony Dwire \$14,175 No till/Cover Crops

- Motion was made to approve contract number FY-23-SH-02 for \$14,175 No till /Cover Crop 3 year rotation on same acres. Dwire was not present at the meeting.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Bunjer
 - Passed- 4-0

Soil Health Flyer for Yellow Medicine River 1W1P planning area

- Discussion was held on the flyer

SWCD Aid from the State of MN approve resolution number 02-2023

- Discussion was held on the amount of \$155,743 from the State and how it will reduce after next year.

Seed Program/Cover Crop Update

- Manager gave an update on tractor rentals and potential cover crop seed and seeding

Ag BMP funding update

- Manager discussed remaining funds and future projects. SWCD received an additional \$150,000 dollars from the State. These funds were utilized by two individuals waiting on the list of projects. Only \$22,359.13 remaining for septic's and Conservation practices.

Audit Update

- Final audit will be finalized this next month and should be available at our September meeting.

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - **Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan**
 - Projects sent for funding this month total \$316,015
 - Issues and concerns were discussed
 - CRP incentive grant and BWSR assistance grants were discussed.
 - Policy and Planning work group meetings discussed
 - Alta Vista 27 project. Water quality and storage Pilot program funds awarded was \$586,813.
 - **Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan**

- Partners meeting discussed
- **Missouri River One Watershed One Plan**
 - CRP incentive grant
 - Conservation Agronomist Position
- **Redwood Watershed- Local plan basin project**
 - No report

BWSR, NRCS and FSA staffing changes

- Manager discussed the change in staffing with the agencies.

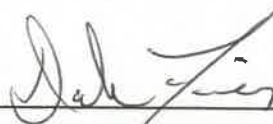
Other Business

- **Annual Leave payout amount to past employee**
 - Motion was made to payout 50% of the remaining annual leave to the health care savings account of the past employee.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0
- **RCRCA Joint Powers Agreement**
 - Motion was made to sign the agreement as a long term agreement
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0
- **State Cost Share Policy Changes**
 - Motion was made to approve the changes to the State Cost Share Policy in terms of giving the Manager the authority to approve contracts up to \$25,000 and have the authority to sign as the technical rep. on non-structural practices. The motion also increased the non-structural practice amount to \$25,000.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 4-0
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 - County Commissioner Report- No Report
 - District Manager's Report
 - WCA report was given
 - Conservation Technicians Report- Reported on seed ,cover crops, Trees, WIA, Enviro. Fair
 - NRCS Report- No Report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2023 @ 8:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at 10:34 A.M. Motion made by Osland , Seconded by Olsen to adjourn. Passed 4-0 .

APPROVED: _____

9/20/23
DATE



SIGNATURE

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