

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, February 19, 2025 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members:

Josh Osland- Secretary
Jeff Paluch- PR&I- Absent
Ronald Bunjer, Chairman
Keith Olsen, Treasurer- Absent
Tony Dwire, Vice Chairman

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Noah Steffen- Left at 8:10 AM
Joy Bruns

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am February 19, 2025, by Chairperson Ronald Bunjer.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of contract SHD2025-03 for Dallas Moorse.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 3-0

Minutes – January 15, 2025, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of January 15, 2025, regular meeting
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 3-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve the Bills and Treasurer's report
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 3-0

Well Sealing Contract WP-WS-06-2024 for Maureen Adams for one well \$500.

- The contract was approved by the Manager. No motion was needed.

2025 Erosion Control and Water Management Program Cost Share Policy Changes

- Motion was made to approve the changes to the policy.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Osland

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.

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- Passed-3-0

Peterson Company Audit Engagement Letter

- Discussion was held regarding Peterson Company and our 2024 upcoming audit.
- A motion was made to sign the engagement letter and have Peterson Company do our 2024 audit for the \$5,000 fee.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 3-0

RCPG Grant

- Manager explained the new RCPG Soil Health Grant opportunity for \$180,000. The board made a motion for the manager to request grant funds.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

CD and Money Market Account

- Discussion held on the CD's that are coming to an end February 21st, 2025. A motion was made to renew the CDs with First Security Bank of Hendricks at 3.65% interest.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

Copier Agreement

- A discussion was held on the price of the copier agreement. The manager was directed to look into a new copier and what an agreement cost would be. No motion was made.

Commissioners Meeting Review

- Manager discussed his meeting with the County Commissioner in regard to the Verdi DWSMA Soil Health Grant and the update given to the board of Commissioners.

PF/Working Lands Grant

- Manager discussed the PF Grant and other PF information

Soil Health Position Grant with SWPTSA

- Manager discussed the soil health coffee shop meetings being held at the Ivanhoe City office every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 started February 12-March 12.

2024 Grant Reporting

- Manager discussed the grant reporting that was completed for the 2024 year.

Highway 14 Soil Health Tour

- Board members were reminded of the tour to be held tomorrow February 20.

2025 legislative Day at the Capital

- Discussion was held on the legislative days. It was decided that no one could attend this year.

Technical Programs Update

- Technician and Manager discussed the status of all technical programs (Trees, Seed, Ag BMP, Soil Health and WCA)

Watershed Reports

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Manager discussed the status of 12 new projects. Reported a new strip till machine in the watershed that will do custom work.
- Lac Qui Parle River 1W1P- Projects were discussed that will be submitted for non-structural practices.
- Missouri 1W1P- PRAP has begun. A Questionnaire will be sent out. Requested funds for the Hwy 14 tour.
- Redwood- Next Policy meeting is March 10th. The steering committee met February 10 to discuss priority issues and measurable goals.

Other Business

- Contract number SHD2025-03 for Dallas Moorse for perennial cover \$59,001.65 in Limestone township section 36. Discussion was held on the contract. It was decided to table discussion until the March meeting in order to review the cost share policy with BWSR.
- **Reports:**
 - County Commissioner Report- No report
 - District Manager's Report
 - WCA work
 - Doing Reporting
 - Working on cost share contracts
 - Technical Advisors Report
 - Working on cover crop contracts for Verdi DWSMA
 - Working on JAA
 - Hwy 14 tour
 - NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2025 @ 8:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at 9:29 AM. Motion made by Osland, seconded by Dwire, to adjourn the meeting. Passed 3-0.

APPROVED: Ronald W. Bunje 3-19-25
 Signature Date