

# LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT . . .



Helping Bring YOU Clean Water

200 S Co Hwy 5, Suite 2  
Ivanhoe, MN 56142  
507.694.1630 x3  
[www.mnlincolnswcd.org](http://www.mnlincolnswcd.org)

## Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, Lincoln SWCD Office, Ivanhoe, MN, December 21, 2022 @ 1:00 p.m.

### Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair-  
Dale Fier, Vice Chair- 1:18 pm  
Glen Sorensen, Secretary-Absent  
Ronald Bunjer, PRI  
Keith Olsen, Treasurer

### District Staff:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.  
Austin DeVlaeminck, Conservation. Tech.  
Sam Schardin, Engineering Tech.  
NRCS  
Not Present

### County Commissioner

Not Present

Meeting called to order at 1:11 p.m. December 21, 2022 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin

### **Approve Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 3-0

### **Minutes – November 16, 2022 Meeting**

- Discussed minutes.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of November 16, 2022 regular meeting
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 3-0

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's report. Dale Fier entered the meeting.
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Bills**

- Motion made to approve bills
  - Motion- Bunjer

*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.*

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

- Second- Fier
- Passed- 4-0

### **Budget for 2023**

- Motion was made to approve the modified budget
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Fier
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Employee Review Discussion**

- Manager discussed employee review process with the board.

### **Danielle Evers Ag Water Quality Certification Program Update**

- Due to poor weather Danielle will come in January to talk with the board.

### **Snow Removal for Storage Buildings**

- Discussion was held on snow removal of the storage buildings. It was decided to stop the full time snow removal due to the fact that the building is not accessed very often during the winter months. Manager will do removal as needed.

### **State Cost Share Soil Health Program**

- Discussion was held on the new cost share program. Manager will include information in the next board packets.

### **Tree Cooler Condenser, fan blades and motor damage. MCIT Claim. (\$7500 to Replace).**

- Discussion held on the damage caused by a loose fan blade. Manager reported that MCIT will be paying \$6500 of the \$7500 bill for replacement.

### **State Convention Updates**

- Discussion was held on the State Convention that Ron Bunjer attended.

### **Meeting closed at 1:49 pm**

- Motion made to close the meeting due to Attorney/Client Privacy
  - Motion- Fier
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 4-0
  -

### **Meeting reopened at 2:07 pm**

- Motion made to reopen the meeting.
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Fier
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Glen Sorensen Retirement**

- Discussed with the board the print presentation that took place with Glen by the staff. Glen served 38 years as a board member.

### **Conservation Award Winner Presentation**

- Discussion was held on presenting Mitchell Pederson the conservation award for the 2022 year.

### **Seed Program update**

- Engineering Technician gave an update on the seed program. 1300 acres of seed sold with 1200 acres for the District to plant.

### **Tree Program Update**

- Conservation Technician gave an update. 11,000 trees sold so far with 19 plantings to complete.

### **Ag BMP Update**

- Manager discussed status of possible loans and funds. Funding for a dairy was not utilized.

### **Discussion on District Goals and Priorities**

- Staff and board discussed future goals and priorities of the District

### **Watershed Reports**

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
  - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
    - Projects update
    - Doing payouts of cost share and finalizing projects
    - An extension was requested by the Lincoln SWCD of the Yellow Med 1W1P 2021 grant with the watershed
  - Redwood
    - No report
  - Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
    - Discussed the Public hearing that was held on December 15.
  - Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
    - Policy committee approved a new tracking system designed by Houston Engineering.

### **Other Business**

- **Highway 14 Tour**
  - Sam discussed the tour and potential funding needed from the District

### **Reports**


- County Commissioner Report- No report
- District Manager's Report
  - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
  - General reporting
- Conservation Technician Report
  - Report on CREP and trees. Started Conservation Planning courses online.
- Engineering Technician Report- Working on Basin/Waterway project
  - Kramer CREP update
- NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office.

*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.*

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM. Motion made by Bunjer , Seconded by Fier to adjourn. Passed 4-0 .

APPROVED:  1-18-2023  
Signature Date