

# 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, November 17, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Board Members Present:

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

### District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.  
Sam Schardin, Conservation Technician  
Austin DeVlaeminck, District Technician  
County Commissioner  
Not Present

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am November 17, 2021 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

### **Approve Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda.
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Sorensen
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Minutes – October 20, 2021 Meeting**

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of October 20, 2021 regular meeting
  - Motion- Sorensen
  - Second- Christianson
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Bills**

- Motion made to approve bills
  - Motion- Christianson
  - Second- Bunjer
  - Passed- 4-0

### **State Convention December 12-14, 2021 roll call**

- Discussion was held on who would be attending the State Convention in December

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## **MASWCD Resolutions 2021**

- Discussion held on resolutions for 2021

### **New Technician Position**

- Introduction of our new technician Austin Devlaeminck

### **Personnel Discussion**

- Discussion held on pay increases and past personnel issue's.

### **Commissioners meeting update**

- Discussion was held on managers update to the County Commissioners.

### **Health Insurance**

- Discussion held on our new medical provider, Medica.

### **2020 Audit information**

- Discussion held on the audit by Peterson Company LTD.
- Motion made to approve the final audit for the 2020 fiscal year
  - Motion- Sorensen
  - Second- Bunjer
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Payment approval for Three Sisters and a Farm contract number FY-19-01-LCM \$5430 local capacity 19 matching funds and FY-19-03 \$11,883 State Cost Share 2019.**

- Motion made to approve payment for the basin project for Three Sisters and a Farm in Marble Township section 30.
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Christianson
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Great Plains NTD Issue**

- Discussion held on the pattern of seed growing with the use of the 15 foot No Till Grass Seeder.

### **Drill Policy Review**

- Sam reviewed the changes made to the policy that was discussed at last month's meeting.
- Motion made to approve the new policy
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Christianson
  - Passed- 4-0

### **Programs update**

- Manager gave an update on Trees, WCA, Ag BMP.

### **CREP Grant Update**

- Manager gave an update on the CREP grant that was applied for.

### **BWSR Academy**

- BWSR academy was attending by all three staff members. Manager and Technicians

### **Budget Discussion**

- Discussion was held on the 2022 budget.
- Motion made to accept the changes to the 2022 budget
  - Motion- Sorensen
  - Second- Bunjer
  - Passed- 4-0

## Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
  - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
    - Projects update
    - More funding set aside from the State for the next biennium.
  - Redwood WRAPS
    - Sorensen gave a report on the progress of the Lake Redwood Dredging project
  - Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
    - Moving along with the planning of the 1W1P.
  - Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
    - Meeting held on 11-16-2021. Manager was unable to attend due to the Lac Qui Parle meeting at the same time.

## Other Business

- Discussion held on pay increases for the 2022 year.
  - Motion made to increase contract service position by \$2/hour and give a 5% cost of living increase to all full time employees plus the step increases for the technicians. Increase to be implemented during the first pay period in 2022.
    - Motion- Christianson
    - Second- Bunjer
    - Passed- 3-0 Schardin abstained
- **Reports:**
  - County Commissioner Report- No report
  - District Manager's Report
    - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of.
    - Xcel Energy and City of Lake Benton
    - Working with new technician
    - Working on many cost share contracts and pay outs for the YM1W1P
  - Conservation Technician Report
    - Gave a general report of work being completed.
  - District Technician Report
    - Gave a general report of what he has been doing for the past 2 weeks
  - NRCS Report- No one present
- **Motion made to adjourn .**
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Sorensen
  - Passed- 4-0

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2021 @ 10:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at 11:48 AM. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen . Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE

SIGNATURE

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