

# 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 21, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

### Board Members:

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

### District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger  
Austin DeVlaeminck  
Noah Steffen  
Joy Bruns  
Jon Matz- NRCS

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am February 21, 2024, by Chairperson Dale Fier.

### **Approve Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda.
  - Motion- Osland
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 3-0

### **Minutes – January 24, 2024 Meeting**

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of January 24, 2024, regular meeting
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 3-0

### **Bills/Treasurer's Report**

- Motion made to approve the Bills and Treasurer's report along with designating \$200,000 more into the building fund.
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 3-0

### **State Cost Share Contract number FY23-01 for \$5,742.30 Tim Jerzak Basin Project Limestone 30**

- Motion was made to approve contract number FY23-01 for \$5,742.30.
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 3-0

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**State Cost Share contract number FY23-02 for \$6,299.17 Tim Jerzak Basin Project Ash Lake 13.**

- A motion was made to approve contract number FY23-02 for \$6,299.17.
  - Motion- Osland
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 3-0

**Local Capacity contract number LC-02-2022 for \$10,132.20 Frank Engels Limestone 20 Basin Project.**

- A motion was made to approve contract number LC-02-2022 for \$10,132.20.
  - Motion- Osland
  - Second- Olsen
  - Passed- 3-0

**2022 Audit wording changes**

- Discussion was held in regards to the 2022 audit and the required wording changes by the State. Auditor took care of the changes. No motion needed.

**Peterson Company Audit Engagement Letter**

- Discussion was held on Peterson Company and our 2023 upcoming audit.
- A motion was made to sign the engagement letter and have Peterson Company do our 2023 audit for the \$4,500 fee.
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 3-0

**Employee Policy Review**

- Discussion was held on the 2024 Employee Policy changes. Chairman suggested a change that would add the Chairperson to serve on all committees. The board directed the manager to talk with the County Attorney regarding the open meeting law in regards to this request. A motion was made to approve the original changes to the policy and to send the policy to an appropriate attorney for review in 2024.
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 3-0

**Bank CD Renewal**

- Discussion held on the CD's that are coming to an end February 21, 2024. Manager was given approval to find the best secured rate.
  - Motion- Olsen
  - Second- Osland
  - Passed- 3-0

**Commissioners Meeting Review**

- Manager discussed his meeting with the County Commissioner in regards to the Lac qui Parle MOA and the update given to the board.

**PF/Working Lands Grant**

- Manager discussed the grant that he applied for in the amount of \$30,000 for technician hours when working with farm bill related programs, CREP, RIM and etc.

**Soil Health Position Grant with SWPTSA**

- Manager discussed the grant proposal and the work plan submitted by the manager.

### **Area 5 meeting Recap**

- Discussion was held on the area 5 meeting

### **Highway 14 Soil Health Tour**

- Technicians gave an update on how the day went.

### **Highway 75 Tour**

- Manager discussed the Hwy 75 tour that will be held in the Madison/Dawson area July 12, 2024.

### **Technical Programs Update**

- Technicians and Manager discussed the status of all technical programs.

### **Watershed Reports**

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Manager and Chairman discussed the policy meeting held for the 1W1P.
- Lac Qui Parle River 1W1P- Projects were discussed that will be submitted for non-structural practices.
- Missouri 1W1P- Well head letters will be changed to a letter of collecting interest in Soil Health practices in the DWMSA.
- Redwood- Waiting on next meeting. MOA was signed by the board agreeing to work with all the partners listed in the MOA. Manager met with the County Commissioners on the MOA. They signed the MOA also agreeing to be a partner in the planning of the 1W1P.

### **Ag BMP**

- We have less than \$1,900 left in the account. Manager talked with the Dept of Ag. No additional funds are available at this time.

### **Other Business**

- Contract number WP-WS-01-2023 for Paul Nordmeyer Sealing one well \$500. The contract was approved by the Manager. No action was taken.
- Chairman suggested looking into adding additional liability Insurance to the SWCD policy. Chairman was also concerned about what liability could be brought upon the SWCD due to an employee being involved in a drone business. Manager is to talk with an insurance provider and the County Attorney.
- **Reports:**
  - County Commissioner Report- NO Report
  - District Manager's Report

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- WCA work
- Doing Reporting
- Working on cost share contracts
  
- Conservation Technician Report
  - 500 acres of CRP seeding
  - Sent out mailings on cover crops and Hwy 14 tour
  - Around 4,000 trees sold
  - WIA report
  - CSP/EQIP meeting in Marshall
  
- Technical Advisors Report
  - Working on trainings for conservation planning JAA
  - Cost Share Contract
  - Attending Watershed Meetings with Manager
  
- NRCS Report- Jon Matz
  - Reported on hiring process and the difficulties/challenges with hiring.
  - No one applied for the DC position in Lincoln County
  - NRCS will work with the SWCD for a secretary position to be shared between the offices.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2024 @ 10:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM. Motion made by Osland, Seconded by Olsen, to adjourn the meeting.

Passed 3-0.

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

3-20-23

DATE



SIGNATURE