

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

Board Members:

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

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Noah Steffen
Joy Bruns

Meeting called to order at 8:05 am March 19, 2025, by Chairperson Ronald Bunjer.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 5-0

Minutes – February 19, 2025, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of February 19, 2025, regular meeting
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve the Bills and Treasurer's report
 - Motion--Osland
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Well Sealing Contract WP-WS-07-2024 for Joel Schreurs 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

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

- Second- Osland
- Passed- 5-0

Contract number SHD2025-03 for Dallas Moore for perennial cover \$59,001.65 in Limestone township section 36

- A motion was made to incentivize a three-year upfront payment for a five-year contract for converting row crops into perennial cover based on Yellow Medicine River 1W1P incentive policy.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 5-0

Tree Fabric Purchase

- Discussion was held on the over \$12,000 needed purchase made by the Manager. No motion was carried out and the board agreed to the purchase.

RCPP Grant

- The manager explained the status of the new RCPP Soil Health Grant opportunity for \$180,000. The board made a motion not to set dollar limitations on the contracts.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 5-0

Magic Fund Investments and CD's

- The magic fund for counties was discussed and the SWCD does not qualify.
- Discussion held on CD rates. A motion was made to have the Manager find the best rate for a 6–13-month CD term and move up to \$750,000 with manager and another supervisor's signature on the checks. All funds must be secured and stay within Lincoln County.
 - Motion--Osland
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 5-0

Local Work Group Meeting

- Discussion was held regarding the next local work group meeting. Questionnaires were filled out by all board members. The Work Group meeting will be held on April 16, 2025, board meeting at 9:30 am.

Web Site

- The manager checked with Lincoln County on who did their web site. A company named Revise maintains their site for \$3,611/year for 5 years. The manager will contact the first company for a final quote.

Soil Health Mentor Program Meetings

- The Manager discussed the soil health coffee shop meetings that were held at the Ivanhoe City office every Wednesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 February 12-March 12. A motion was made to give a \$250 donation to the city of Ivanhoe for the use of the basement of the city office.
 - Motion- Paluch
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Highway 14 Soil Health Tour Report

- Discussion was held on the meeting and the expenses

2025 legislative update

- Manager gave a brief update on legislative issues of the SWCD's

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 structural projects. 2 contracts waiting for funding for non-structural practices.
- Lac Qui Parle River 1W1P- Projects were discussed that will be submitted for non-structural practices. One perennial cover and 4 cover crop strip till. Total project costs \$291,192 of incentive payments.
- Missouri 1W1P- PRAP has begun. Filled out questionnaires. Verdi well-grant explained changes. Looking for funding for a parcel of land with Rural Water. The manager wrote a grant applying for funding through Red Pine Wind Energy for the Verdi Well Grant.
- Redwood- Advisory committee meeting was held. Discussed priority areas and measurable goal. The Policy committee meeting approved priority areas and reviewed measurable goal section of the plan.

Other Business- No other business

- **Reports:**
 - County Commissioner Report-
 - District Manager's Report
 - WCA work
 - Red Pine Wind grant
 - Working on cost share contracts
 - announced the new employee that accepted the position
 - discussed the local work group meeting date of April 16 at 9:30 am
 - Technical Advisors Report
 - Working on cover crop contracts for Verdi DWSMA and Lac qui Parle 1W1P
 - Gave added watershed report information
 - Hwy 14 tour
 - NRCS Report- No report

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2025 @ 8:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM. Motion made by Osland, seconded by Paluch, to adjourn the meeting. Passed 5-0.

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APPROVED:

Ronald W Bunge's

4-16-2025

Signature

Date