

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, Thursday July 18, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members:

Josh Osland- PRI-
Tony Dwire- Secretary 8:10 AM
Ronald Bunjer, Vice Chair
Keith Olsen, Treasurer

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Austin DeVlaeminck-Absent
Noah Steffen-Absent
Joy Bruns

Meeting called to order at 8:02 am July 18, 2024, by Vice Chairman Ronald Bunjer.

Approve Agenda

- Addition of Outstanding Farmer award and the moving of the September meeting to September 11, 2024 .
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 3-0

Minutes – ~~June 20~~ 2024, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2024, regular meeting.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 3-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve the Bills and Treasurer's report.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

Appoint a new board member for District 2

- Motion was made to appoint Jeff Paluch as the new district 2 board member and change the board positions as follows: Chairman- Ronald Bunjer, Vice Chair-Tony Dwire, Secretary-Josh Osland, Treasurer- Keith Olsen and PR&I- Jeff Paluch. Jeff Paluch will also serve on the Yellow Medicine River one watershed one plan policy committee.

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- Motion- Dwire
- Second- Olsen
- Passed- 4-0

Soil Health Position Grant with SWPTSA Phase 2

- Manager put in for the full amount of \$80,000 for soil health practices for Lincoln County. Manager was informed by BWSR that we would be receiving these funds.

Well Sealing Payments

- Payment for contract WP-WS-04-2023 for Audrey Ochocki one well \$500
- Payment for Contract WP-WS-05-2023 for Mike Rybinski two wells \$1,000

Audit Update

- Manager gave a quick update as to 2023 audit

WCA Rule Change Update

- Manager gave an update on some of the WCA rule changes that will take effect on August 1, 2024.

Governance Training Update

- Manager gave an update on the governance training

Highway 75 Tour Update

- Supervisor Keith Olsen gave an update on the Highway 75 tour

Building update

- Discussion was held on the building process. Pavek construction and Groundworks were hired for dirt work and construction of the building.

Technical Programs Update

- Manager discussed the status of all technical programs. Ag BMP, MAWQCP, WCA, CRP incentives, Cover Crops, and Seed program.

Watershed Reports

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Submitted a plan for over \$83,000 in cost share. Have 4 more new projects for structural practices.
- Lac Qui Parle River- Policy meeting was postponed until a later date in order to discuss MS4front program.
- Missouri 1W1P- No report
- Redwood 1W1P- Had the kickoff meetings. Manager was unable to attend the last policy meeting.

Other Business

- **Outstanding Conservation Farmer Award**
 - A motion was made to select Scott Vizecky of Ivanhoe as the Lincoln County Conservation Farmer of the year.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

- **Discussion was held on moving the September Board Meeting**
 - A discussion was held to move the September Board Meeting to September 11, 2024, due to scheduling conflicts. All board members agreed to moving the meeting up a week.

Reports:

- County Commissioner Report- Not present
- District Manager's Report
 - WCA work on violations
 - Grant work Soil Health \$80,000
 - Requested an additional \$450,000 for Ag BMP
 - Working on cost share contracts
- Conservation Technician Report- Manager reported
- Technical Advisors Report- Manager reported
- NRCS Report- No one present

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 21, 2024 @ 8:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM. Motion made by Osland, Seconded by Olsen, to adjourn the meeting.
Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: _____

8-21-24

DATE

Ronald W. Bunge

SIGNATURE

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