

# 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, Ivanhoe, MN, September 15, 2021 @ 7:00 a.m.

### Board Members Present:

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

### District Staff Present:

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 a.m. September 15, 2021 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

### **Approve Agenda**

- Motion to approve the agenda.
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Sorensen
  - Passed- 5-0

### **Minutes – July 21, 2021 Meeting**

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of July 21, 2021 regular meeting
  - Motion- Fier
  - Second- Christianson
  - Passed- 5-0

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's report
  - Motion- Christianson
  - Second- Fier
  - Passed- 5-0

### **Bills**

- Motion made to approve bills
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Fier
  - Passed- 5-0

### **New Technician Position**

- Discussion held on applicants and start date. Manager is to proceed with the hiring process.

### **Personnel Discussion**

- Discussion held on Cobra Insurance

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## **Health Insurance**

- Motion made by the board to approve the new health care rates and to stay with SWWC for group health care.
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Sorensen
  - Passed- 5-0

## **2020 Audit information**

- Discussion held on the hiring of Peterson Company LTD to do the 2020 audit. All information requested by Peterson Company has been sent prior to September 6, 2021.

## **Contract approval for Scott Fier contract number WP-WS-04-21 for well sealing of one well \$500. Approved by manager on 9-2-21.**

- Discussion held on managers approval. Board agreed with manager's approval.

## **Contract approval for Joe Drown contract number WP-WS-05-21 to seal one well \$500. Approved by manager on 9-2-21.**

- Discussion held on managers approval. Board agreed with manager's approval.

## **Hendricks Bank Resolution for signatures**

- Signatures received by the board and staff for the Hendricks bank.

## **NTD Funding Update**

- Discussion had on funding by The Natures Conservancy. Received \$5,000 so far for the drill. Will be doing interviews the end of the month on cover crops to fulfill the contract for the final \$5,000.

## **Programs update**

- Manager gave an update on Trees, WCA, Seed, Ag BMP, CREP

## **Polaris Ranger upgrade discussion and bids**

- Motion made to purchase a new Polaris ranger 1000 with accessories for the seed program. Manager is to trade the 2016 Ranger. Purchase to be made with Porter's of Brooking SD due to the bid price and trade agreement.
  - Motion- Fier
  - Second- Bunjer
  - Passed- 5-0

## **Car Trailer discussion for hauling seed**

- Discussion held on purchasing a car trailer to haul seed. Motion made to purchase a new tilt bed trailer with heavy axel's. A \$10,000 or less budget was set for the purchase.
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Sorensen
  - Passed- 5-0

## **Millborn Seed invitation discussion**

- Discussion held on Millborn seed invitation to the district.

## **Seed Sales 2021**

- Discussion held on the Lincoln SWCD having the number one seed sales for conservation in SD and MN as a Millborn customer.

### **Conservation Farmer Award**

- Discussion was held on Keith Olsen being nominated as the 2021 Conservation Farmer. Motion was made to select Keith as the 2021 winner.
  - Motion- Christianson
  - Second- Bunjer
  - Passed- 5-0

### **Budget Discussion**

- Discussion was held on the 2022 budget. Waiting to present the budget until we have more exact numbers from the State and the County.

### **John Boulton Presentation of over 56 years of service**

- Discussion held on the presentation of the pheasant forever print and posting of the presentation in the Ivanhoe Times. Board would like to see the presentation in all the newspapers including Canby. Manager will send out to the newspapers.

### **Watershed Reports**

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
  - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
    - Projects update
    - Tile cost issue's
  - Redwood WRAPS
    - 99% completed with TMDL's and WRAPS.
    - EPA approved TMDL's
    - Minor edits to WRAPS by WENK.
    - Both will be noticed in early October by MPCA
  - Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
    - September 21, 2021 kick off meeting at the Dawson Library 6:30PM.
  - Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
    - Policy meeting held. Approved spending for a new PTM App from Houston Engineering for figuring reduction numbers more accurately.
    - Updating the scoring and ranking sheet for better cost to benefit ration figuring.

### **Other Business**

- 2022 and 2023 State Cost Share options.
  - Discussed cost share options. Motion to use the state cost share program for structural projects such as basins, waterways and grade stabilization structures. Administration funds will also be utilized from the cost share grants.
  - Motion- Fier
  - Second- Christianson
  - Passed- 5-0
- **Reports:**
  - County Commissioner Report- No one present.
  - District Manager's Report
    - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of.
    - 319 Grant Completed. Will be doing the final report
  - Conservation Technician Report

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- Gave a general report of trainings he has been completing
- Working on RIM site inspections
- Working with Contractor on two CREP projects
- NRCS Report- No one present
- **Motion made to adjourn .**
  - Motion- Bunjer
  - Second- Sorensen
  - Passed- 5-0

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021 @ 7:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office if needed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 AM. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen. Passed 5-0.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE SIGNATURE