# 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, September 21, 2022 @ 7:00 a.m.

# **Board Members Present:**

Conrad Schardin, Chair Dale Fier, Vice Chair- 7:34 am Glen Sorensen, Secretary Ronald Bunjer, PRI Keith Olsen, Treasurer

# District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin. Austin DeVlaeminck, Dist. Tech. Sam Schardin, Engineering Tech.

**NRCS** 

Randy Sheik- 8:30 am County Commissioner Joe Drietz- Left 7:40

Meeting called to order at 7:05 a.m. September 21, 2022 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

# **Approve Agenda**

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

# Minutes - June 15, 2022 Meeting

- Discussed minutes.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of August 23, 2022 regular meeting
  - Motion- Sorensen
  - Second- Bunjer
  - Passed-4-0

# **Treasurer's Report**

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

# Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
  - o Motion-Sorensen
  - o Second-Bunjer
  - o Passed-4-0

The mission of the Lincoln SWCD is to protect and improve the quality of our water, soil, and natural resources by providing programs and services to the citizens and owners of Lincoln County to implement conservation practices.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER** 

# **Welcoming of Keith Olson to fill District 1 Supervisor Position**

o Board and staff welcomed Keith to the Lincoln SWCD

#### Pictometry MN Lidar Plan- MN River Basin

 Manager went over the plan for pictometry. Board discussed funding options to fund the Lidar upgrade.

## **Trimble GPS Survey Equipment Update**

Sam explained his day with training from Frontier Precision

#### **Week End Winners Backpack Program Donation**

Manager talked about the thank you sent to the SWCD from the program director.

# Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-10-2022 Water Plan 2022 for \$1000 two wells for Dennis Willert (Manager Approved).

o Manager explained the well sealing project. Manager approve the application and payment.

# Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-11-2022 for \$500 one well for Tim Jerzak (Manager approved)

Manager explained the well sealing project. Manager approved the application

# Well Sealing Contract number WP-WS-12-2022 for \$500 Ralph Ochocki one well (Manager approved)

o Manager explained the well sealing project. Manager approved the application.

#### **Local Capacity Grant 2023 Budget**

- Total budget of \$125,605 was discussed. A motion was made to use \$100,000 toward technical services, \$20,000 toward cost share and \$5,605 toward supplies/equipment.
  - Motion-Bunjer
  - o Second-Fier
  - o Passed-5-0

#### **Buffer Law 2023 Budget**

- Total Budget of \$21,500. Motion was made to utilize the grant for technical services.
  - Motion-Fier
  - o Second-Bunjer
  - o Passed-5-0

# Board appointment to Lac Qui Parle One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee

- Motion was made to have Keith Olson serve on the Policy Committee for LQP1W1P
  - o Motion-Sorensen
  - o Second-Bunjer
  - o Passed- 5-0

#### Board appointment to the SWPTSA joint powers board.

- Motion was made to have Conrad Schardin serve on the joint powers board for the SWPTSA.
  - o Motion-Bunjer
  - o Second-Sorensen
  - o Passed- 5-0

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#### Seed dealer bids for 2023 season

- Discussion was held about seed bids for the 2023 season. Motion was made to accept Millborn's bid for seed for the 2023 season.
  - o Motion-Fier

- Second-Bunjer
- o Passed- 5-0

# **Seed Program update**

Sam gave an update on the seed program

# Lac Qui Parle One Watershed One Plan JPC Agreement

- The board discussed all concerns they may have about the agreement. A motion was made to enter into the joint powers collaboration. The motion also gave Schardin and Sterzinger the authority to sign the final agreement when presented to the Lincoln SWCD.
  - o Motion-Bunjer
  - Second-Sorensen
  - o Passed-5-0

# **Outstanding Conservations**

• Sam reported that Mitch Pederson gladly accepted the award. Sam is working on the write up with Mitch.

#### **BWSR Academy in October**

o The academy was discussed and it was recommended that all employees attend.

# **Switching to ITC Internet Service**

Discussion was held on the internet service. The board agreed with the change of service.

# **Ag BMP Update**

Discussed status of possible loans and funds.

#### **Vehicle Service**

Discussion held on the servicing of the SWCD's vehicles.

# Lake Benton boat launch WCA issue

o Discussion was held on the TEP comments in regards to the boat launch project

#### Lake Shaokatan Future Development Pre-Application WCA review

 WCA Administrator met with the investors of a future development to discuss possible wetland issue's with the property. The issues were discussed with the SWCD board.

# MCIT Refund of \$599 for Worker's Compensation

Manager reported on the refund

#### **Watershed Reports**

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
  - Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan
    - o Projects update
    - 4 waterways and 6 basins have been completed this month.
  - Redwood WRAPS
    - Sorensen reported that the Lake Redwood dredging is still in progress.

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- Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan
  - o Planning update given for One Watershed One Plan.
- Missouri River One Watershed One Plan
  - No update

#### Other Business

- o Change to the budget was made due to tree fabric prices and wages for 2023.
  - Motion was made to approve the updated budget
    - o Motion-Fier
    - o Second-Bunjer
    - o Passed-5-0
- Fee Schedule Change
  - A motion was made to accept the fee schedule changes due to the cost of product prices increasing. The motion also gives the manager the authority to adjust prices as needed.
    - o Motion-Bunjer
    - o Second-Fier
    - o Passed-5-0

# **Reports**

- County Commissioner Report- County budget was set at a 3% increase
- District Manager's Report
  - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
  - General reporting
- District Technician Report
  - Not present. Manager read his report.
- Engineering Technician Report- Discussed Conservation Planning training, survey equipment and the purchase of a small drone for less than \$750. By board consensus it was agreed to purchase a drone.
- NRCS Report- Sheik reported on the back logged EQIP and CSP contracts may be funded.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022 @ 7:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office if needed. It was decided by the board to not have an October meeting if at all possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Fier to adjourn. Passed 5-0.

APPROVED

DATE

SIGNATURE