

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 17, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m. Meeting moved from February 15 due to weather.

Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair
Dale Fier, Vice Chair
Keith Olsen, Treasurer
Tony Dwire, Secretary
Ronald Bunjer, PRI- Not Present

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.
Austin DeVlaeminck, Conservation. Tech.
Jason Beckler, BWSR

Meeting called to order at 8:06 a.m. February 17, 2023 by Chairperson Conrad Schardin.

Approve Agenda

- Motion to approve the agenda.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

Minutes – January 19, 2023 Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of January 18, 2023 regular meeting
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's report
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve bills
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Fier
 - 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

State Cost share contract FY22-01 for \$3120 and Local Capacity LC-01-2021 for \$12,250 Ed Amundson Basin Project

- Motion made to approve Ed Amundson contract number FY22-01 \$3120 and LC01-2021 \$12,250 for basins in Lake Stay Township Section 3.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

State Cost Share contract LC-01-2022 for \$3806 Frank Jorgensen Basin project.

- Motion made to approve contract number FY22-02 for \$3806 Frank Jorgensen basin in Hope Township Section 16.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

State Cost Share Contract FY21-02 for \$5,490 Brian Kramer basin project.

- Motion made to approve contract number FY21-02 for \$5490 Brian Kramer Hansonville Township Section 10.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

Resolution to adopt and implement the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank comprehensive watershed management plan.

- Motion was made to adopt the resolution to implement the Lac Qui Parle-Yellow Bank comprehensive watershed management plan.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 4-0

Bank CD rates

- The board reviewed CD offers from all Lincoln County Banks. Motion was made to take out a 12 month CD with First Security Bank of Hendricks at 4% interest.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Transfer of funds from money market in the amount of \$250,000 to a 12 month CD

- Motion made to transfer \$250,000 from the money market account to a 12 month CD with First Security Bank of Hendricks.
 - Motion- Fier
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Dedicate funds to an account for compensated absences for employees.

- Motion was made to transfer \$50,000 of District funds into a designated compensated absences 12 month CD account for employee payout upon leaving the District. Payout will be according to the employee policy at the time of employee leaving based on years of service.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Pay Equity Final Report

- Discussion was held on the final pay equity report that was approved by the MN Department of Management and Budget.

Cost Share Policy review and approval

- Motion was made to accept the changes in the policy for the 2023 year.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Check signing information for new board members

- Discussion was held on check signing authority. Signatures were completed for First Security Bank of Hendricks. A motion was made to accept the new resolution for check signing authority.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Fier
 - Passed- 4-0

March 7, 2023 Legislative Briefing in St. Paul

- Discussion was on who would be attending the briefing

SWCD aid from the State of MN as a permanent funding source

- Discussion was held on the MASWCD's mission for the legislative briefing for stable funding for the MN SWCD's.

Area 5 meeting for February

- Meeting has been cancelled. Board reviewed the Area 5 Budget

Highway 14 Tour Report

- Discussion held on the Highway 14 tour meeting held in Lake Benton on February 23rd with the 24th being the backup date for bad weather.

Seed Program update

- Manager gave an over view of the program updates.

Tree Program update

- Conservation Technician gave an over view of the program. More tree fabric was ordered.
- 12,000 trees sold with 20 planting sites to complete so far.

Ag BMP funding update

- Manager gave a brief update for the additional funding that was requested in the amount of \$240,000

State Cost Share Audit by BWSR

- Discussion was held on the State cost share audit.

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SWPTSA Update

- Manager gave an update on TSA services and charges

Watershed Reports

- Manager gave a brief report for each watershed.
 - **Yellow Medicine River One Watershed One Plan**
 - Projects update (11 new with 9 in the priority areas)
 - Issues and concerns were discussed
 - **Lac Qui Parle River Watershed One Watershed One Plan**
 - Policy meeting Feb. 22 1:00pm Canby city hall
 - BWSR Southern Region meeting Feb. 23 virtual meeting
 - BWSR Board meeting March 22 for plan approval
 - **Missouri River One Watershed One Plan**
 - May be utilizing funds for Soil Health. Soil health grant that Pipestone SWCD holds will be utilized in well head area.
 - Motion was made to accept the cost share policy of the Pipestone SWCD for the Soil health grant.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0
 - **Redwood Watershed- Local plan basin project**
 - Manager explained that the Jorgensen project is in the Redwood watershed.

Other Business

- No other Business discussed
- **County Commissioner Report** -
- **District Manager's Report**
 - WCA report. Many tile requests to take care of
 - Discussed plans for new employee policy
- **Engineering Technician Report**
 - Manager read the technicians report
- **Conservation Technician Report-**
 - Trainings, CREP, Trees and Buffer report
- **NRCS Report-** No Report
- **BWSR Report-** Jason Beckler was present to discuss BWSR programs and State Cost Share Audit.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2023 @ 10:00 A.M. at the Lincoln SWCD Office. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 A.M. Motion made by Dwire , Seconded by Olsen to adjourn. Passed 4-0 .

APPROVED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE