

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, Wednesday August 21, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members:

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

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Austin DeVlaeminck
Noah Steffen-Absent
Joy Bruns

Meeting called to order at 8:02 am August 21, 2024, by Vice Chairman Ronald Bunjer.

Approve Agenda

- Motion made to approve the agenda with the addition of contract LC 2023-01 for \$20,000 for basins for Joy Bruns.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 4-0

Minutes – July 18, 2024, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024, regular meeting.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 4-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

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

Welcoming of the new District 2 board member, Jeff Paluch

- Board members welcomed Jeff and introductions were made.

Soil Health Position Grant Phase 2

- Manager reported that the office received the \$80,000 Soil Health Grant. Work plan discussion was held. Manager is to apply the entire \$80,000 to projects.

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- Motion- Olsen
- Second- Paluch
- Passed- 4-0

Soil Health Grant for Verdi DWSMA

- Manager discussed the grant that was submitted to BWSR. Manager met with the County Commissioners and Lincoln/Pipestone Rural Water for support of the grant.

Ag BMP additional \$200,000 received that was applied for

- Manager discussed that \$200,000 was awarded to the Lincoln SWCD of the \$450,000 requested from the Department of Agriculture.

Well Sealing

- Payment WP-WS-01-2023 for Paul Nordmeyer 1 well \$500
- Payment WP-WS-03-2023 for Larry Benson 1 well \$500
- Contract WP-WS-09-2023 for Ron Madsen 1 well \$500

State Cost Share Contract FY24-01 for Josh Osland Cover Crops \$17,316

- Motion was made to approve contract number FY24-01 for \$17,316 for a three-year cover crop contract with Josh Osland abstaining.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Paluch
 - Passed- 4-0

Audit Update

- Manager gave a quick update as to 2023 audit

WCA Rule Change Update

- Manager gave an update on the new ag exemption.

Lincoln SWCD office hour change

- A motion was made to change the Lincoln SWCD office hours to 7:00 am to 4:00 pm
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 4-0

Assignment of Payment for seed customer

Discussion was held to allow assignment of payments, if needed, from the CRP cost share as a payment method for the seed program.

- A motion was made to allow assignment of payments as a method of payment from the CRP program.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 4-0

Building update

- Discussion was held on the building process.

Technical Programs Update

- Technical programs were discussed with the board by the staff

Watershed Reports

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Over \$83,000 were approved by the policy committee for one basin project in Lincoln County. One cover crop contract was approved for over \$21,000. Policy Committee voted to remove the cap for the CRP incentives. It will be \$500/Acre for a 10-year contract and \$750/Acre for a 15 year contract.
- Lac Qui Parle River- Policy meeting was held which included an MS4Front demonstration. We received \$100,000 for the CRP incentive program.
- Missouri 1W1P- Verdi DWSMA Grant discussion.
- Redwood 1W1P- Had an advisory committee meeting. The group approved the Land and Water Resources Narrative section of the plan.

Other Business

- A motion was made to approve contract LC 2023-01 \$20,000 for Joy Bruns basin project
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 4-0

Reports:

- County Commissioner Report- Joe Drietz was in attendance. County is working on the budget.
- District Manager's Report
 - WCA work on culvert and bridge for Hwy Dept.
 - Grant work Verdi DWSMA
 - Native grass planting discussion
 - Conservation Farmer
 - Working on cost share contracts
- Conservation Technician Report- Technician reported on trees, seed, Hwy 14 tour and environmental fair.
- Technical Advisors Report- Manager reported
- NRCS Report- No one present

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 18, moved to September 11, 2024 @ 8:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. Motion made by Osland, Seconded by Paluch, to adjourn the meeting. Passed 4-0 .

APPROVED:



9-11-24

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