

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, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, June 17, 2020 @ 7:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair
John Boulton, Vice Chair
Daniel Christianson, Treasurer
Glen Sorensen, Secretary
Ronald Bunjer, PRI

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.
Colleen Wichern, Administrative Assistant
Randy Sheik, NRCS

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Conrad Schardin at 7:03 a.m.

Approve Agenda

- Motion made to approve agenda
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Minutes of May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of May 20, 2020 regular meeting.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve June bills
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Tree Program Update

- All tree plantings are complete and were before planting deadline. Approximately 8,000 trees were planted.

Seed Program Update

- All seeding is complete. Approximately 560 acres planted. 172 hours were put on the tractor.

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Drill Repairs

- There were approximately \$1500 - \$2000 worth of repairs done to the drills this year.

WCA mitigation replacement ratio on a violation site

- Motion made to approve the replacement ratio of the first offense violation on a 1 to 1 ratio for the WCA mitigation replacement.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 4-0

Environmental Fair Donation

- Motion made to approve a \$750.00 donation to the Environmental Fair
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

Environmental Fair Update

- It has been decided by the Environmental Fair committee that there will be no environmental fair this year.

Billing for Wind Tower Seeding's (25 sites)

- Lincoln SWCD has completed seeding several sites for the wind towers and they will be billed accordingly.

Ag BMP Funding

- All Ag BMP funds have been loaned out at this point. There will be no funds available until repayments are made.

Conservation planning agreement with Dennis Johnson

- Motion made to approve paying Dennis Johnson \$200.00 per contract to complete conservation plans.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Severance Pay for Trent paid to Heath Care Savings Plan

- Motion made to approve a total of \$2,449.27 severance pay to Trent Johnson's Health Care Savings Plan.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 4-0

Cost Share Payment for William Behnke LC-18-04

- Motion made to approve the cost share payment to William Behnke for LC-18-04 in the amount of \$4,748.00.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

Minn-kota pest service contract continuation

- Lincoln SWCD will be continuing the service contract that is in place with Minn-kota Pest Control.

Outdoor News Article

- Lincoln SWCD and the Snyder/Gorecki project was featured in the Outdoor News.

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Highway 14 Soil Health Tour

- This winter there will be a soil health tour coming to the area. They would like to make a stop in the Lake Benton area.

TSA Update

- Dawn is back on duty. Russ put together a guideline for SWCD’s to follow to help the TSA. They are working on 2020 projects.

Watershed Reports

- Lac Qui Parle Watershed
 - No update.
- Missouri River 1W1P
 - Implementation dollars have been received.
- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P
 - Continuing to work with projects.
- Redwood TMDL & WRAPS
 - Meeting is June 18th.

OTHER BUSINESS

New Hire

- Motion made to accept Mitch Pederson as the new hire for Lincoln SWCD with a start date of July 13, 2020.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

REPORTS

- District Managers Report
 - Tile Requests
 - 5-7 miles and 6 bridges to check for the county
 - Working with the changes that are taking place in the office with employees
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - Report on the status of accounts receivable.
 - Website Updates
 - Updating Grants
 - Working on CREP applications and following up with status’ of applications.
- NRCS Update
 - EQIP application ranking is complete and waiting on pre-approval list.
 - 19 CSP applications
 - Local Work Group will be held on July 16, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. via zoom.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2020 @ 7:00 A.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Christianson. Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE

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