

LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT . . .



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Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, USDA Building, Ivanhoe, MN, December 18, 2019 @ 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Glen Sorensen, Secretary

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.
Colleen Wichern, Administrative Assistant
Jacob Harrison, Conservation Tech
Trent Johnson, CREP Technician

Others Present:

Kelly Heather, NRCS

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Conrad Schardin at 10:07 a.m.

Approve Agenda

- Motion made to approve agenda
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 3-0

Minutes of November 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of November 20, 2019 regular meeting.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 3-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve December bills
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

MACDE Membership Dues

- Motion made to approve the 2020 MACDE Membership dues of \$75.00.
 - Motion – Christianon
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0

Performance Reviews

- Motion made to approve the recommendations of the personnel committee for pay increases to the employees.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0

Severance Pay

- Motion made to approve the severance pay of \$2,457.37 to the Health Care Savings Plan for Jacob Harrison.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 3-0

Melissa VanWesten well sealing payment, WP-WS-09-19, for \$1,000.00

- Motion made to approve the well sealing payment of \$1,000.00 for Melissa VanWesten, WP-WS-09-19 for the sealing of two wells.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0

Local Capacity 2017 Close Out

- Motion made to approve the close out of the Local Capacity 2017 grant.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0

Local Capacity 2018

- Discussion held in regards to the changing of funds from the technician position to the administration position.

Local Capacity 2020

- Discussion held in regards to changing the 2020 Local Capacity budget.

Buffer Compliance Letters.

- Buffer Compliance Letters have been sent via certified mail to all landowners with parcels that are out of compliance.

CRP Update

- General and Continuous signup is open with a February 28, 2020 deadline.

Task Force Meeting Report

- Update and review of December 12, 2019 Task Force Meeting.

State Convention

- State Convention was held on December 8-10 in Bloomington.

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Joint Powers Agreement

- Updates have been made to the Missouri River One Watershed One Plan Partnership Agreement. Motion made to accept the changes that have been made and to sign the new updated agreement.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0

EDF Update

- Motion made to send \$20,000.00 of project money back to EDF.
 - Motion - Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0

TSA Update

- The SWPTSA will be going through some changes in staff. The technician located at the Ivanhoe Field office has taken a different position and will be leaving.

Watershed Reports

- Updates were given on the watershed districts throughout the county and the activities that have been taking place within each watershed district.

Campaign Finance Board

- There is a letter in each of the board members packets addressing what needs to be done on their end for the campaign finance board.

Minnesota Soil Health Coalition

- Motion made to approve a \$250.00 sponsorship fee to the Minnesota Soil Health Coalition.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0

Lifetime Achievement Award

- John Boulton received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts and was recognized at their annual convention.

Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners – NRCS

- The Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners was reviewed with Kelly Heather (NRCS) and signed by board members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Gladys Trautman Blind Intakes

- Motion made to approve contract WP-BI-01-19 for 8 blind intakes for Gladys Trautman for a total of \$4,000.00
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0

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