

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, October 16, 2019 @ 7:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

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

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Manager/WCA Admin.
Colleen Wichern, Administrative Assistant
Jacob Harrison, Conservation Tech (7:30)
Trent Johnson, Farmbill Technician (7:30)

Others Present:

Joe Drietz, County Commissioner
Chris Wall, SWPTSA (8:10)

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Conrad Schardin at 7:02 a.m.

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes of September 18, 2019 Regular Meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of September 18, 2019 regular meeting.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 4-0

Bills

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

Update Names on Bank Accounts

- Names have been updated on the bank accounts to reflect only current employees.

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Sealed Bids for 2001 Chevrolet Silverado

- Five sealed bids were opened at the meeting. The highest bid was \$2720.00
- Motion made to accept the sealed bid of \$2720.00.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Cost Share for Paul Fehrman Project

- Motion made to approve state cost share contract FY18-01 for \$15,527.00 and Local Capacity cost share LC18-02 for \$6199.00 for Paul Fehrman’s waterway project.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

Budget Update

- The preliminary budget has been approved to include \$130,000 for the base grant and a \$20,000 matching portion for county funding.

Local Capacity 2020 Grant Work Plan \$127,250.00

- Motion made to approve the work plan of \$20,000 for cost share, \$5,000 for supplies, \$51,125 for technician position and \$51,125 for administrative assistant position.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

Buffer 2020 Grant Work Plan \$25,000.00

- Motion made to approve the work plan of \$20,000 for technician position and \$5,000 for education, outreach and soil health.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

CRP Conservation Plans Reimbursement MASWCD

- Request for reimbursement has been submitted.

Wetland Conservation Act

- WCA Drainage Exemption Issued to Audrey Peterson DRX-01-19
- No Loss Determination Issued to Northern States Power (Blazing Star 1 Addendum 2) NL-04-19
- Notice of Application Sent for Northern States Power (Blazing Star 1 Addendum 2) B&T-04-19
- Notice of Application Sent for Buffalo Ridge Wind Energy B&T-05-19
- No Loss Determination Issued to Limestone Township NL-05-19

Seed Refund Issues

- Discussion was held in regards to issuing seed refunds and the district seed policy was reviewed.

State Convention

- State Convention is December 8-10 in Bloomington.

Watershed Reports

- Update was given on the watersheds within our county and where things are at with the One Watershed One Plans.

Auditor Presentation

- Auditor will be present to give report at the November board meeting.

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Board Conservationist Position

- Jason Beckler is leaving the Board Conservationist position.

2019 MASWCD Resolutions

- Resolutions for the 2019 year are due back by November 1.

MCIT 2020 Estimated Contribution Notice

- Property and Casualty will be approximately \$6,899.00 and Workers Compensation will be approximately \$1,378.00

MCIT Dividend Notice

- The 2019 Dividend is \$1,356.00

REPORTS

- County Commissioner Report
 - Wetland Conservation Act Funding was discussed
 - Broadband continues to be a priority for the county.
- District Managers Report
 - WCA Update
 - Tile Requests
 - Lake Stay 14 Project
 - Meeting with Representatives
 - SWPTSA Hiring
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - Report on the status of accounts receivable.
 - Quarter end and Month end reporting, including e-link
 - Report on Open Invoices
 - Environmental Fair Report; article in newspaper
- Conservation Technicians Report
 - Environmental Fair
 - Survey Training, stake out training,
 - Working on EFT Designs
 - Buffer Update
- CREP Technician’s Report
 - Environmental Fair
 - Seeding Projects, Dormant Seedings
 - Maintenance on Drills
 - MAWQCP Update
 - CREP Program Update: Construction, Approved Application, Outreach Letters

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2019 @ 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen. Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE

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