

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, April 19, 2017 @ 7:03 a.m.

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.
Randy Kraus, District Tech
Colleen Wichern, Administrative Assistant

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Absent:

Others Present: Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist (8:57 AM); Joe Drietz, County Commissioner; Emily Javens, YMRWD

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

Approve Agenda

- Motion made to approve agenda
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Minutes of March 15th, 2017 meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve March bills
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

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

Approve the Master Joint Powers Agreement with BWSR for CREP 3 Program

- Motion made to approve the Master Joint Powers Agreement with BWSR and signed.
 - Motion – Christenson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve Cost Share \$7788 for contract number FY16LC-03 Fier project

- Motion made to approve the local capacity 2016 state cost share for the Fier farmable basin project in Alta Vista township section 23.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve Cost Share \$14,911 for contract number FY17LC-01 Gorecki project.

- Motion made to approve the local capacity 2017 state cost share for the Gorecki farmable basin project in Alta Vista township section 14.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve \$350 donation to the Prairie Ecology Bus for the County Fair. Environmental office paying half. (\$700 total)

- Motion made to donate \$350.00 for the Prairie Ecology Bust and the County Fair.
 - Motion – Christenson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

Discuss bonding for Red Pine wetland impacts.

- Discussion held on Lincoln SWCD being covered under the county development agreement in regards to wetland impacts for the Red Pine Wind project.

Approve WCA No Loss Determination for Red Pine Wind LLC.

- Motion to approve the WCA No Loss Determination for Red Pine Wind LLC.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Christenson
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve WCA De Minimis Exemption for Red Pine Wind LLC.

- Motion to approve the WCA De Minimis Exemption for Red Pine Wind LLC.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve WCA Boundary and Type Determination for Red Pine Wind LLC.

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 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

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New Hire discussion

- Discussion in regards to interviews that were held on April 17 and the start date of May 1 for the new hire.

Statement of Work U of M Residue Study- SWCD to assist.

- Study with the University of Minnesota to determine residue. \$5000.00 per year to Lincoln SWCD for 3 years of the project.

Pay Equity Report- Approved and in compliance.

- The pay equity report was submitted and approved; we are in compliance.

Resolutions for MASWCD due by July 21st.

- If there are any resolutions that attention should be brought to please submit them.

Approval to attend the SWCD Governance Training Conference September 14-15th for Manager, Admin. Assist. And new Technician.

- Motion to approve the Manager, Administrative Assistant and New Technician attend the SWCD Governance Training on September 14th and 15th.
 - Motion – Christenson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Report on Missouri River One Watershed One Plan Policy Committee meeting held on April 3rd.

- Discussion in regards to hiring a consultant.

Report on USFW and BWSR meeting in regards to CREP site owned by USFW.

- Discussion held on the teleconference that took place. We are the paper trail between USFW and BWSR.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Well Sealing – Contract and Payment Voucher – Approval for Manager to be able to have authority to sign and enter into contract.
 - Motion made to give Manager signature authority and ability to enter into contract in regards to well sealing and the state voucher system.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0
- Glen – RCRC
 - Discussion held on RCRC Canoeing Day that will be held.
 - Soil Health Workshops were well attended.
 - Discussion was held on the Joint Powers Agreement with RCRC
 - Motion made to allow Glen to sign the Joint Powers Agreement on behalf of Lincoln SWCD
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

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REPORTS

- County Commissioners Report (Joe Drietz)
 - Township roads discussion.
 - Discussion on what to do with some of the road approaches when taking out wind towers.
 - Looking at a policy for if broadband would come through.
- YMRWD Report (Emily Javens)
 - Emily gave a presentation on the Yellow Medicine River Watershed terrain analysis for Lincoln County. She presented the SWCD with a binder of possible projects within the watershed. Mankato State University completed the terrain analysis.
- District Managers Report
 - MAWQCP Update.
 - Trees are in and pickup night has been scheduled for April 25th
 - WCA Tile Requests Update
 - Discussion on Memorandum of Agreement with 1W1P
 - Discussion on the agreement with YMRWD and Lincoln SWCD for shared position
 - Report on TSA Meeting in Mankato
 - E-Link Reporting is up to date
 - Waiting to hear back from the state to complete the financial statement.
 - Discussion on education for new hire
- District Technicians Report
 - Discussion held on the drill rental.
 - Discussion held on the seed bids.
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - Deposit Machine is Set Up
 - Money has been transferred to new account
 - Discussion on Bank Reconciliation.
 - Discussion on Credit Card and the Status of application process.
- District Conservationist Report (8:57)
 - EQIP Funding has been allocated. 12 of the 13 were funded.
 - CSP is on hold. Waiting to receive training on the new ranking system.
 - Expiring CSP letters have been sent out.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2017 @ 7:00 a.m.

- May meeting may not take place due to field work that needs to be completed. Trees and grass seeding. SWCD staff will decide if a May meeting is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

APPROVED: _____

DATE SIGNATURE

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