

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 21, 2017 @ 7:00 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.
Colleen Wichern, Administrative Assistant
Jacob Harrison, Conservation Tech

District Staff Absent:

Randy Kraus, District Tech

Others Present: Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist (8:40 a.m.); Joe Drietz, County Commissioner

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

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes of April 19th, 2017 meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of April 19, 2017 meeting.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

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

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Budget Review for County Allocation request

- Motion to approve the request of \$120,000 from the County for the 2018 County Allocation request.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Decision on Principal Shares (Sell?)

- Motion made to cash out on the principal shares.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve payment to Area 2 for engineering expenses on Verdi Section 1 project \$1,222.50 from state cost share program administrative dollars.

- Motion made to approve payment to Area 2 for engineering expenses on Verdi Section 1 project for \$1,222.50 from state cost share administrative dollars.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 4-0, Schardin abstained

Approve Groundwater level monitoring agreement with DNR.

- Motion made to give signature authority to Manager to sign groundwater level monitoring agreements with the DNR.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve letter from Red Pine Wind Project LLC in regards to rectifying wetland impacts. Will be attached to the Development agreement between Lincoln County and Red Pine.

- Motion made to approve the letter from Red Wind Project LLC in regards to rectifying wetlands impacts. The Letter will be attached to the Development agreement between Lincoln County and Red Pine.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve a \$5,000.00 credit limit for a district credit card with approval for Manager to be on the credit card.

- Motion made to approve a \$5,000 credit limit for a district credit card with the approval for Manager to be on the credit card.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

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Approve a rate of pay for Contract labor (Tractor/Seeder Operators)

- Motion made to approve an hourly wage of \$16.00 for Sam Schardin and of \$17.50 for Richard Hauschild for the operation of the tractors and drill throughout the seeding program.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0, Schardin abstained

Approve Jake to attend SMSU Arc GIS night classes from August – December. Agreement for payment of the class to come at a later date due to unknown fees of the course (Around \$600-\$700 for the course)

- Motion made to approve Jake to attend Southwest Minnesota State University and enroll in the Arc GIS classes for Fall Semester and to have use of the district vehicle to travel back and forth from class.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

Discuss Resolution for “Other Waters” Buffers. Resolution #2017-03

- Discussion was held on the “Other Waters” Buffers. Resolution has been reviewed by Glen Peterson, County Attorney.

Approve Resolution #2017-03 “Other Waters” for buffer law compliance.

- Motion made to approve Resolution #2017-03 “Other Waters” for buffer law compliance.
 - Motion – Chistianson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Discuss Missouri River 1 Watershed 1 Plan Progress.

- Houston Engineering has been hired. 3 meeting have been held.

Discuss YMR 1 Watershed 1 Plan Progress.

- In the implementation stage.

Discuss Redwood River WRAPS Progress.

- Two meetings have been held, still in the early stages.

Discuss Operational Agreement meeting held with NRCS.

- Operation Agreement with NRCS will need to be re-submitted this year.

Discuss U of M Residue Study.

- Residue Study for this year is complete.

Discuss Payment Policy for Seed Program.

- Discussion was held on making sure the policy is being followed in regards to the seed program and receiving payment before customers receive their seed.

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Discuss moving flex schedules from 12 month waiting period to 6 month waiting period.

- Motion was made to move the waiting period of employees being on a flex schedule from a 12 month waiting period to a 6 month waiting period.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

Purchase of Trailer from Boulton Trailer Sales

- Trailer was purchased from Boulton Trailer Sales for the ranger and to use for various programs.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Motion was made to approve Dick Holmberg as the accountant for the Year End Audits and for Brian Hildebrandt to complete the Year End Report.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

REPORTS

- County Commissioners Report (Joe Drietz)
 - No new business
- District Managers Report
 - Reported on 3 water sediment control basins.
 - Updated the board on TEP meetings.
 - WCA Tile Requests Update
 - Update on the status of well sealings.
- District Technicians Report
 - Absent
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - MCIT Training Report
 - Open Balances of Unpaid Customer Invoices
 - Update on work at Yellow Medicine River Watershed District
- Conservation Technicians Report
 - Learning new programs
 - Update on CREP and MAWQCP
 - Tree Program is complete for the year.
- District Conservationist Report (8:40)
 - CSP has changed to a new ranking process that now takes longer. Several individuals are waiting until next year on the CSP Program
 - There are no acres nationally for CRP.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2017 @ 7:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

APPROVED: _____

DATE SIGNATURE

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