

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, August 16, 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: Joe Drietz, County Commissioner; Danielle Evers (8:15), MAWQCP

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Conrad Schardin, at 7:07 a.m.

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes of July 19th, 2017 meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of June 21, 2017 meeting.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve August bills
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - 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

Budget Review modification for County Allocation request

- Discussion was held on the increase of pictometry funding by \$5,000.00 that had been previously approved at the July 19, 2017 board meeting.

Authorize manager to sign for selling Principal shares (Chairman to sign letter)

- Motion made to approve the manager to sign for the selling of the Principal shares.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve payment on FY17-01 State Cost Share contract, Petersen Grade Stabilization Structure.

- Motion made to approve the payment on the FY17-01 State Cost Share Contract on the Petersen Garde Stabilization Structure for \$10,014.00.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve six month pay increase for Colleen Wichern. Completed the six-month probation period.**New pay rate to start September 1st, 2017.**

- Motion made to approve a pay increase of \$1.50 per hour for Colleen Wichern with an effective date of September 1st, 2017.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve no till drill rate of \$10.00/acre on the great plains drill for cover crop implementation.

- Motion made to approve the no till drill rate of \$10.00/acre on the great plains drill for cover crop implementation.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 5-0

Approve Jacob Harrison's tuition amount of \$572.40 to SMSU for ARC GIS class.

- Motion made to approve Jacob Harrison's tuition amount of \$572.40 to SMSU for ARC GIS Class.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 5-0

Discuss Missouri River 1 Watershed 1 Plan progress.

- Discussion was held on the progress of the Missouri River 1 Watershed 1 Plan. The policy committee has met and public meetings are set to be held in the upcoming weeks.

Discuss YMR 1 Watershed 1 Plan Implementation Progress.

- The policy committee recently met and discussed the memorandum of agreement (MOA) and appoint positions.

Discuss Redwood River WRAPS progress and interview of meeting consultants.

- 3 consultant firms were interviewed and the final decision came in to hire Wenck as the firm for the Redwood River WRAPS.

Discuss SWPTSA new hire.

- A new contract employee will be hired by the SWPTSA to help complete training for JAA. Interviews were held and the announcement has yet to be made as to who received the position.

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OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Health Insurance**
 - Discussion was held on Health Insurance and the possibility of exploring different options going forward.
- **Buffer Cost Share**
 - Discussion was held on creating a policy for buffer cost share money.
- **Buffer Letters**
 - Discussion was held on the progress of the buffer letters that are to be mailed out.
- **MAWQP**
 - Danielle Evers was in at 8:15 to give an update on the Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certification Program.

REPORTS

- **County Commissioners Report (Joe Drietz)**
 - Discussion on meeting in Lamberton at the U of M Research Center.
- **District Managers Report**
 - Update on construction projects
 - 25 in 25 Meeting will be held on August 17, 2017
 - Budget Update
 - Report on SWPTSA Meeting
 - WCA Update
- **District Technicians Report**
 - Working on Buffers & BuffCAT
 - Changes have been made where are least 100 more individuals are compliant
 - Working on CRP eligibilities.
 - 6-7 Filter strips have been seeded.
 - Several calls have been fielded in regards to the WIA Enhancement program.
- **Administrative Assistants Report**
 - Report on how the 2016 audit went.
 - Report on the grant reconciliation process with BWSR.
 - Report on the status of accounts receivable.
- **Conservation Technicians Report**
 - Report on Projects that have been taking place.
 - Report on FarmFest
 - Update on EQIP, CRP, and CREP
 - Arc GIS Class will begin on August 23, 2017.
- **District Conservationist Report**
 - No Report.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2017 @ 7:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Boulton. Passed 5-0.

APPROVED: _____

DATE SIGNATURE

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