

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 21, 2016.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Daniel Christianson, at 10:20 a.m.

Members Present:

Daniel Christianson, Chair
Glen Sorensen, Vice Chair
John Boulton, PR&I
Joe Weber, Secretary
Conrad Schardin, Treasurer

District Staff Present:

Dale Sterzinger, Cons Tech/WCA Admin
Jeff Berens, District Tech 1
Randy Kraus, District Tech @ 10:30 a.m.

Others Present:

Don Evers, County Commissioner
Joe Drietz, County Commissioner
Glen Petersen, County Attorney
Jason Beckler, BWSR
Ron Bunjer, future SWCD Supervisor
Dennis Johnson, DC, NRCS @ 12:20

AGENDA: Motion by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve the agenda as presented. Passed: 5-0.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S RESIGNATION: Motion made by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to accept District Manager's resignation and to have Severance pay go toward Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP). Passed 5-0.

MINUTES: The minutes from the November 16, 2016 meeting stand approved as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion made by Boulton, seconded by Sorensen to approve report subject to review. Passed 5-0.

BILLS: Motion made by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve the payment of the bills for November. Passed 5-0.

WATER PLAN BILLS; WELL SEALING; WP COORDINATOR: 2 wells sealed: 1 for Ron Madsen and 1 for Allen Koehne Trust for \$325 each. Water Plan Coordinator funds: \$1620. Commissioners will appoint new water plan coordinator.

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2017 BUFFER GRANT AGREEMENT: Motion made by Schardin, seconded by Weber to approve agreement. Passed 5-0.

PAY EQUITY: to be completed in January.

PERFORMANCE REVIEWS: Schardin gave a positive report on personal performance for 2016. Motion made by Weber, seconded by Sorensen to appoint Dale Sterzinger interim District Manager until position is filled. Passed 5-0. Sterzinger accepted.

Motion made by Schardin, seconded by Weber to remove Pauline VanOverbeke and Ron Madsen from signature cards and all district accounts, and also to add Randy Kraus and Dale Sterzinger to Aflac account. Passed 5-0.

Personnel Meeting set for January 10, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

REPORTS:

COUNTY COMMISSIONER REPORT: Don Evers, County Commissioner, reported on the following:

- Levee was set at 2.9%.
- Windmill projects going in.
- End of the year reporting complete.
- Looking to build new county shop in Tyler.

CONSERVATION TECHNICIAN REPORT: Dale Sterzinger, Conservation Tech/WCA Administrator reported on the following:

- Accounts Receivable: \$4730.12.
- WCA: requests coming in, reporting will be done in January with all the other reporting requirements that will need to be done.
- Motion made by Weber, seconded by Sorensen to approve temporary hiring of Joy Bruns at \$25/hr + mileage to help complete payroll as needed. Passed 5-0.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN REPORT: Randy Kraus, District Technician, reported on the following:

- Waiting on accounts receivable.
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife took out trees that were in a state easement. Motion was made by Schardin, seconded by Boulton to not sign practice amendment request form.

DISTRICT TECHNICIAN 1 REPORT: Jeff Berens, District Technician 1, reported on the following:

- Lincoln SWCD is up to date on end of the year buffer inventory for state records.
- Landowners continue to visit the office to discuss their buffer law requirements on their land.

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