

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, March 18, 2020 @ 10:00 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
Trent Johnson, CREP Technician

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Conrad Schardin at 10:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes of January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of January 15, 2020 regular meeting.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve March bills
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Repayment to EDF

- Check for \$20,000.00 repayment to EDF made.

Area V Employee Dues

- Area V Employee Dues of \$30.00 paid.

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Ag BMP (Funding, Animal Waste, Drinking Water)

- Motion made to approve the remaining funds to Roger Peters for a maximum of \$200,000.00. No additional money is available from the state for the program at this time.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Annual Report

- Annual report was presented to the board to look at and review.

Pay Equity Report

- Pay Equity Report has been submitted and we are waiting for response back.

Annual Reporting

- All annual e-link reporting is complete.

Health Care Savings Plan Renewal

- The Health Care Savings Plan needs to be reviewed and renewed every 2-3 years. No changes were made to the plan and renewal has been submitted.

SWPTSA New Hire and Projects Report

- SWPTSA has hired Jacob Harrison as their new technician. Update was given on the projects that are currently being worked on within our county.

Tree Program Pricing and Update

- Approximately 7,700 trees have been ordered for the year.
- Motion made to allow the manager to adjust prices for the tree program accordingly for trees.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Boulton
 - Passed – 4-0

Seed Program Updates

- 300 Acres to Seed this Spring
- Seed bids were received and reviewed.

Signs

- Discussion was held in regards to getting new signs placed along the highway throughout the county.

MAWQCP Update

- There has been one more applicant who qualified to be Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certified and there are 2 more in the process of waiting for approval. There are now a total of 6 qualified applicants throughout the county.

Auditor Information

- Audit for 2018 Fiscal Year is complete.

Resolution #2020-01 to support Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Rivers 1W1P

- Motion made to approve resolution #2020-01 to support Lac Qui Parle Yellow Bank Rivers 1W1P.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

Watershed Updates

- Lac Qui Parle Watershed
 - TMDL & WRAPS report is complete

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- Discussion has been held for 1W1P application
- Missouri River 1W1P
 - Plan is complete and implementation will be starting soon.
- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P
 - WRAPS 2 will take place this summer
- Redwood TMDL & WRAPS
 - TMDL is complete
 - Draft Report of WRAPS expected to be out by May 1, 2020.

Legislative Days

- Legislative Days that was scheduled for March 24th and 25th has been cancelled due to COVID-19.

WCA No Loss, Replacement Plan, Sequencing and Boundary or Type Determination Blazing Star 2

Report

- Comment period ended Friday, March 13, 2020.

Notice of Decision for Madsen Banking Site WB-01-19

- Issued notice
- Construction to start in summer of 2020
- Lyon-Lincoln Electric bills will be sent to Lincoln SWCD to keep pump running. Lincoln SWCD will be reimbursed from the state for the expenses.
 - Motion made to allow the Lyon-Lincoln Electric bills to be paid by the Lincoln SWCD on the Madsen Banking Site with the understanding that the state will reimburse the district for the expenses.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

OTHER BUSINESS

Well Sealing

- Motion made to approve well sealing contract WP-WS-20-01 for the sealing of 2 wells for Andy Weber
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

COVID-19

- Any decision made in regards to the office and COVID-19 will be the decision of the District Manager.

REPORTS

- District Managers Report
 - 2 Wetland Violations
 - Tile Requests
 - 5-7 miles and 6 bridges to check for the county
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - Report on the status of accounts receivable.
 - Presentation of annual report
 - Year End Financials
 - Website updates complete
 - Pay Equity Report is complete
- CREP Technician’s Report
 - Will be starting to work on conservation plans
 - CREP Update – 5-6 Applications being worked on for submittal
 - Doing some survey and design work

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2020 @ 10:00 A.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Christianson. Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: _____

DATE

SIGNATURE

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