

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, May 20, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

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
Randy Sheik, NRCS
Kelly Heather, NRCS

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Conrad Schardin at 10:05 a.m.

Approve Agenda

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

Minutes of March 18, 2020 Regular Meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of March 18, 2020 regular meeting.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Treasurer's Report

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

Bills

- Motion made to approve May bills
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Call for Resolutions

- Resolution ideas need to be brought forth before July 31st.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

COVID-19 Planning and Office Operations

- Lincoln SWCD is continuing to rotate employees through the office.

Refunds to Customers

- Discussion was held in regards to returning funds to customers who had returned tree matting material. Manager will make decision in regards to refunding customers.

Tree Program Update

- There are currently 2 sites that remain to be planted.

Seed Program Update

- There are approximately 400 acres that need to be seeded. Limited to 200 hours on the tractor for the year to run seed program.

Well Sealing Contracts

- Motion made to approve the following well sealing contracts: Lance Weber WP-WS-01-20 \$500 one well; Jerome Krog WP-WS-02-20 \$1000 two wells; Jeff Flood WP-WS-03-20 \$500 one well; Luke Nibbe WP-WS-04-20 \$500 one well; Maria Carlson WP-WS-20 \$500 one well.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Alternative Intakes

- Motion made to approve three alternative intakes for Conrad Schardin, WP-BI-01-20, for a total of \$1500
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0; Schardin abstained from vote

Local Capacity 18 Cost Share Contract

- Motion made to approve Local Capacity 18 Cost Share Contract for Conrad Schardin, LC-18-03, for a total of \$10,982 for a waterway/basin project in Verdi Section 1.
 - Motion – Boulton
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0; Schardin abstained from vote

Payment to SWPTSA for Lake Stay 14 design work.

- Motion made to approve the recommendation of a \$4000.00 payment to SWPTSA for the design work completed in Lake Stay 14.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

CREP Grant Update

- The next round of CREP funds have been applied for.

State Budget

- Discussion was held in regards to changes in the state budget. There could be up to a 25% reduction in State funding for 2021.

Staff Changes

- Trent Johnson has turned in his resignation letter and will be done at the end of the month.

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Job Description Approval for Conservation Technician and Administrative Assistant/Technician

- Motion made to approve the job descriptions for the Conservation Technician and the Administrative Assistant/Technician positions.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Job Announcement Approval and Hiring Approval

- Motion made to approve the job announcement and give approval for the hiring of a Conservation Technician.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 4-0

Plan for Conservation Plan Completion

- Discussion was held I regards to coming up with a plan in order to complete conservation plans.

WCA Update

- Issued Restored Wetland Exemption RWEX-01-20 Larry Bunjer
- Issued No Loss Determination NL-01-20 Blazing Star Wind
- Issued Replacement Plan Decision RP-01-20 Blazing Star Wind
- Issued Boundary or Type Determination B&T-01-20 Blazing Star Wind
- Issued Sequencing Determination S-01-20 Blazing Star Wind
- Waiting for financial assurance letter from Long Road Energy. Will issue final decision once received.
- Final Design plans on Madsen Banking site

Watershed Reports

- Lac Qui Parle Watershed
 - Comments given on application for grant
- Missouri River 1W1P
 - No meeting have been held
 - Waiting for funds to be released
- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P
 - More projects have been submitted
- Redwood TMDL & WRAPS
 - Meeting will be held tomorrow.
 - Plan is out.
 - Land has been purchased for the dredging site

OTHER BUSINESS**Lake Stay 4 Project**

- Motion made to approve contract LC-04-18 for \$6,300.00 for a basin project in Lake Stay 4 for William Behnke.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 4-0

Board Member Elections

- Board member elections will be taking place this year for 2 positions on the board.

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REPORTS

- District Managers Report
 - 2 Wetland Violations
 - Tile Requests
 - 5-7 miles and 6 bridges to check for the county
 - Working with the changes that are taking place in the office with employees
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - Report on the status of accounts receivable.
 - MCIT Reports
 - Website Updates
 - Updating Grants
- CREP Technician's Report
 - Seed Program Update
 - CREP Update – 4 applications submitted
 - 2 Restoration bids have been sent out.
- NRCS Update
 - Randy Sheik is now full-time in the Ivanhoe office.
 - There is a plan out to re-open the office but there is no schedule as to when.
 - EQIP sign-up is taking place
 - CSP Application deadline is approaching

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020 @ 7:00 A.M.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Christianson. Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE