

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, April 17, 2019 @ 7:00 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Conrad Schardin, Chair (7:20)
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 (7:30)
Trent Johnson, Farmbill Technician (7:30)

Others Present:

Dennis Johnson, District Conservationist

Meeting called to order by the Vice Chairman, John Boulton at 7:00 a.m.

Approve Agenda

- Motion made to approve agenda
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 3-0

Minutes of March 20, 2019 Regular Meeting

- Discussed Minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion made to approve minutes of March 20, 2019 regular meeting.
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 3-0

Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve Treasurer's Report
 - Motion – Bunjer
 - Second – Christianson
 - Passed – 3-0

Bills

- Motion made to approve April bills
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Sorensen
 - Passed – 3-0

Meeting turned over to Chairman Schardin at 7:20 a.m.

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SWPTSA Invoice on work in Yellow Medicine 1W1P Area

- Motion made to approve paying SWPTSA invoice for work done in the Yellow Medicine 1W1P area that will be reimbursed by the Yellow Medicine River Watershed District at a later date.
 - Motion – Sorensen
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Ag BMP

- Updates and information given in regards to the funding of Ag BMP Loans and the availability of funds to landowners.

RCPP Ranking Questions

- Special EQIP funds available for the 1W1P Priority Area
- Sign-up open until the 19th of April

319 Grant Approved/Work Plan due April 17th

- The 319 grant that was applied for was received.
- Available for projects from 2020 - 2023

NTD Policy Discussion

- Motion made to keep the rental rates for the no-till-drill the same according to the policy for use on the public ditch systems where the county is being reimbursed for the expenses through the ditch system; the use of the no-till-drills for other county projects that are not reimbursed will be subject to alternative rates.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

EQIP Projects

- 4 projects have been approved in the 1W1P area.
- Very few cover crop practices were approved this year.

Area 5 Meeting and Tour (To be held in Lincoln County)

- Update given on the Area V Meeting and Tour that will be held in Lincoln County this year on June 21.

CRP Native Grass Educational Field Day to be held in Lincoln County. (Lincoln SWCD, BWSR, SWPTSA)

- This will be taking place on June 13, 2019. This is a BWSR sponsored event.

Soil Health Field Day to be held in Lincoln County

- The Soil Health Field Day is August 27, 2019. Details on the event are being worked on.

SWPTSA Update

- There have been some staff changes with the SWPTSA and Lincoln County SWCD will be housing one of their new employees.

WCA TEP Meeting Report (TEP recommendations on 3 projects.)

- Boundary and Type Determination – Community Wind North
 - Determination made on April 1, 2019. Approved.
- Replacement Plan Approval – Blazing Star Wind 1 Project
 - Determination made on April 1, 2019. Approved.
- WCA Road Replacement Approval – Lincoln County Highway Department
 - Determination made on April 1, 2019. Approved.

NTD Ordered (\$33,000.00) Schrunk's Canby Implement

- The new No-Till-Drill is on order through Schrunk's Canby Implement.

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Environmental Fair Donation

- Motion made to approve a total of a \$1,000.000 donation to the Environmental Fair for the 2019 year using combined funds from water plan (\$500.00) and district money (\$500.00).
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

Tile Easement Lake Stay Section 14

- Easement is complete and signed by both parties.

Field Test Plot Involvement

- Discussion held on the field test plot. Time will be targeted towards cover crops.

Aqua Robotics Discussion

- Discussion held on aqua robotics and the possibility of exploring and implementing some aqua robotics into our county.

Fair Booth/Educational Discussion

- Discussion held in regards to having a booth for the fair that is more active and engaging.

Watershed Updates

- Updates given on all watersheds and what has been taking place within the watersheds.

OTHER BUSINESS**Signature Authority for Buffer Cost Share**

- Motion made to approve Manager as a signature authority when approving contracts for the Buffer Cost Share.
 - Motion – Christianson
 - Second – Bunjer
 - Passed – 4-0

REPORTS

- District Managers Report
 - WCA Update
 - Tile Requests
 - One Watershed One Plan Updates
- Administrative Assistants Report
 - Report on the status of accounts receivable.
 - Closed Buffer Law 2018 Grant
 - Area V Summer Tour Update
 - Tree Invoices
 - Environmental Fair Meeting
- Conservation Technicians Report
 - Tree Program Update
 - Tree Pick-Up Night
 - Assisting Tom with SWPTSA
 - Upcoming Trainings
 - Buffer Cost Share

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- Farm Bill Technician's Report
 - RCPP Maps
 - CRP Site Prep
 - Field Day
 - Walk-In-Access Update
- District Conservationist Report
 - EQIP Application have been funded (12)
 - Local Work Group Meeting
 - CRP will be opening this summer
 - Certified Determination have been coming in

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2019 @ 7:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 A.M. Motion made by Bunjer, Seconded by Sorensen. Passed 4-0.

APPROVED: _____
DATE SIGNATURE

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