



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes

September 11, 2025

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 11th, 2025, at The Multi Media Room/Annex. Board Supervisors present in person: Rose Weber, Danny Larson, and Amy Bacigalupo. Absent: Mike Croatt and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Maria Croatt, Noah Swart, Rhyan Schicker, and Clayton Beck. Absent: Quintin Peterson. NRCS Staff present: Kara Ransom. Pheasants Forever Staff Absent. BWSR staff absent.

Chairman Weber welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:04 am.

Agenda:

Larson made a motion to approve the Agenda, Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

After a correction to a date and adjournment, Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August 14th, 2025, board meeting. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Gallery: (2 minutes per person/10 minutes total) - *None*

Conflict of Interest Declaration: - *None*

Treasurer's Report:

The checks were reviewed and discussed. Bacigalupo made a motion to approve for payment August checks #8159-8164, from the United Prairie account and checks #13619-13639 from the Old National account. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Larson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program:
 - a) 2025-02: Weber reframed from vote, via phone call, Daryl Schutte made a motion to approve the contract, Bacigalupo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Water Plan:
 - Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the Well Sealing contracts 2025-15 & 2025-16. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Schicker shared an email from Kay Gross, SWPTSA Admin Coordinator, regarding the importance of having Supervisors attended meetings to have quorum. Discussion was held.

Schicker also noted that the MASWCD Annual Convention is December 1-3, 2025, and reported that Richard Nobel has been selected as the 2025 Conservationist of the Year.

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report:
 - No update since last board meeting, next meeting September 30, 2025.

A conflict of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests, and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. Supervisors are asked to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business. Any member who declares a conflict of interest must not vote on that agenda item.

- Supervisor Report: *None*
- Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Ransom reported there are lots of changes for 2026 CSP. EQIP changes include lowering payment caps for 2026.
 - Pheasants Forever: Ransom reported Grazing Specialist interviews were held, offer to first selection has declined, plan to offer to next. Farm Bill Biologist position has been posted.
 - BWSR: Schicker reported RCPP funds have been received, BWSR Academy coming up end of October.
- Technical Report
 - Swart reported RIM inspections are completed, Completed ditch inspections with Jared from the Watershed using the drone, Buffer overview, seeding tree rows; AIS: Boat will be here soon, Working on completing approval for signs & tools at accesses.
 - Beck reported on seeding at county building, Dawson Pollinator Pathways, continuing various training.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker reported on cover crop inquires on Beet ground, Held Farm Tour with Dustin Johnson, continue work on Dawson Pollinator Pathways.
 - MaCroatt reported on completed 2024 Audit, County Fair, Environmental Fair, billing processing.

Old Business:

- a. Building options: No bids received to date-may need to redo bid request in winter months, Met with City on sewer access, storm water, electric and water needs for a new building, TSP of Watertown gave estimate of \$400,000-500,000 outside of their design & assisting fees.

New Business:

- a. The 2024 Audit by Kinner & Company, Ltd. was presented and discussed. Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the Audit, Larson seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Personnel: *none*

Calendar of Events:

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September 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 30 th	LqP-YB 1W1P meeting
October 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 13	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve (Office Closed at Noon)
December 25	Christmas (Office Closed)



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Adjourn: With no further business, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 9:13am.

Dan Larson

November 13, 2025

Approved

Date

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