



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes April 16th, 2026

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday April 16th, 2026, at the Multi Media room in the Annex. Board Supervisors present in person: Rose Weber, Danny Larson, Mike Croatt, Amy Bacigalupo and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Noah Swart, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, Clayton Beck. Partner agencies: NRCS: Kara Ransom, PF: Ashlin Deboer and Mariah Lewis.

Chairman Larson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Agenda:

Croatt made a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Weber made a motion to approve the Minutes from the March 12th, 2026 board meeting. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

Conflict of Interest Declaration: - *None*

Partner & Staff Reports:

- NRCS
 - Ransom reported on EQIP and RPP funding 3 funded in our county, working on ranking for CSP.
- Pheasants Forever
 - Deboer reported on CRP 118 offers, 1573 acres, 21 new= 388 acres, second batching open until May 1st.
 - Mariah was welcomed, started Jan 6th
- BWSR-none
- Technical Report
 - Beck reported on cooler/ac/watering lines and tree deliveries and planting plans. Swag update.
 - Peterson reported on attending TSA meeting, status on their Drone, and Russel Hedrick event.
 - Swart reported on AIS, boat picked up, seed orders, drill plan and Local Technical training coming up.
- Admin Report
 - MaCroatt reported on Building bid inquires, Employee Assistance Program, tree pickup, native sale, tax on new property exemption,
 - Schicker reported on attending WCA/TEP Academy, Area 5 coming to LqP in June, and other various events coming up.

Treasurer's Report:

The checks were reviewed and discussed. Croatt made a motion to approve for payment checks #13743-13748(including voided checks) from the Old National account, and checks #8208-8210 from the United Prairie account. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- Conservation Contracts, Soil Health Delivery, or RCPP
(Followed New Business)
- Water Plan: *none*

Correspondence: *none*

Board Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report:
 - Bacigalupo reported on attending meeting from 4/14/26
- Supervisor Report:
 - Croatt reported on attending the Yellow Medicine 1W1P meeting on 4/6/26

Old Business:

- *none*

New Business:

- Remove & Add Signers on Bank Accounts
 - Remove Peterson and add Swart motioned by Weber. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Authority to sign from District Technical Manager to District Manager
 - Remove Peterson, add Schicker, motioned by Bacigalupo. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Schicker will update job descriptions and review applicable policies.
- Savings to Money Market Accounts

MaCroatt described the RCPP money market plan. Croatt made a motion to move funds to a money market account to earn more interest. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Tractor Lease- MaCroatt reported on the lease for the two tractors from Midwest Machinery
- Financial Assistance Policy Update
 - Schicker reported on current cost share rates in regards to new EQIP, no changes made to current SWCD rates.
- Peterson reported on soil health delivery contract following discussion on rates.
 - Bacigalupo made a motion to approve Cost Share Contracts #2026-02, 2026-03 and 2026-04. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Personnel: *none*

Calendar of Events

May 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
July 3	Independence Day-Observed (Office Closed)
July 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
July 17	Russell Hedrick Event
August 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 7	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting



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October 12	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 26 & 27	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve (Office Closed at Noon)
December 25	Christmas (Office Closed)

Adjourn: With no further business, Larson declared the meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Rose Weber

May 14th, 2026

Approved

Date

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