Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District



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Our mission is to provide conservation opportunities for landowners of Lac qui Parle County through creative stewardship, protection programs and utilization of the resources to foster soil improvement and water quality in the community.

Minutes

March 10, 2022

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present: Rosemary Weber, Mike Croatt, Danny Larson, and Daryl Schutte. Absent: Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Chessa Frahm, Sheri Laechelt, Quintin Peterson, and Rhyan Schicker. Guest: Shantel Lozinski, NRCS. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Croatt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February, 2022 board meeting. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Open Gallary: (2 minutes per person/10 minutes total) – *None* **Conflict of Interest Declaration:** *None*

Treasurer's Report:

The checks were reviewed and discussed. Larson made a motion to approve for payment February check #7951 from the United Prairie account and checks #13104 through #13113 from the Old National account. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- <u>State Cost-Share Program</u>: None
- <u>Well Sealing</u>: None

Correspondence: MASWCD emails

Re-election Notices

Reports:

- <u>Reports</u>:
 - <u>Supervisor Reports</u>: Croatt shared information on the virtual SWPTSA meeting that he attended.
 - Partner Agency Reports:
 - <u>NRCS</u>: Shantal Lozinski, DC in Montevideo introduced herself and gave an update as she has been covering the Madison office since Burt's retirement. She also noted that Matt Rose, DC from Willmar will be taking over the Madison office duties until someone is hired. He will be in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
 - \circ <u>BWSR</u>: None
 - <u>Technical Reports:</u>
 - The Cover Crop Winter Workshop will be held on Friday at the Madison Mercantile from 9:30-12:30 with a light lunch being served.
 - Very busy with the tree program, working on plans & orders.
 - Peterson attended the NACD meeting and several workshops in Florida.
 - Seed orders are being placed with about 240 acres scheduled for Spring.

- WIA sign-up is open now.
- The tractor lease with Ziegler is the same as last year.
- Admin Report:
 - Attended the NACD Annual meeting in Florida, things were different with the Covid restrictions.
 - Participated in the virtual TSA meeting.
 - Attended the 1W1P Advisory meeting.
 - Attended the Legislative Update and have also visited with Dahms and Swedinsky.
 - Year end reports and eLINK reporting has been completed.
 - The field phone has been updated and a go-pro purchased for taking videos and pictures for promotional purposes.
 - Reviewed the Financial Statement information.

Old Business: None

New Business:

• <u>Upcoming Meetings</u>: Croatt made a motion to keep the April 14th meeting date but change the location and to cancel the May 12th meeting. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Personnel:

• <u>Hiring Update</u>: We did not have any applicants for the Outreach Coordinator position. Croatt made a motion to hire an Intern and advertise for an Administrative Coordinator to start in June to allow time for training. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Calendar of Events:

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April 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
April 15	Good Friday (Office closed at Noon)
April 27	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
May 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting - cancelled
May 30	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting and Retreat
June 20	Juneteenth Observed (Office Closed)
June 22	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August 24	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
September 5	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 10	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
October 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 26	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
November 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 24	Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
December 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
December 26	Christmas Observed (Office Closed)
December 28	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting

Adjourn: With no further business, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Danny Larson

4/14/22 Date

Approved

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity service provider and employer.