



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes

February 13th, 2026

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Friday February 13th, 2026, at the multi media room in the Annex. Board Supervisors present in person: Rose Weber, Danny Larson, Mike Croatt and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Noah Swart, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, Clayton Beck. Partner agencies: NRCS: Kara Ransom, PF: Ashlin Deboer

Chairman Larson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Weber made a motion to approve the Minutes from the January 8th, 2025, board meeting. Schutte 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. Croatt made a motion to approve for payment checks #13711-13731 from the Old National account. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

a. State Cost-Share Program: *none*

b. Water Plan: *none*

c. RCPP

a. Contracts 37-1-4 was amended due to a math error.

b. 5 contracts, were discussed and preliminarily approved for funding. Weber made a motion to approve the contracts, pending grant execution, Croatt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Schicker shared information about SWCD legislative days at the capitol. Supervisors were reminded of virtual Area V meeting on Feb 19th.

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report:
 - No new updates
- Supervisor Report: Croatt attended and reported on the virtual SWPTSA meeting on 1/13/26.
- Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Ransom reported on the new RPP program through CSP/EQIP.
 - Pheasants Forever: Deboer reported on new CRP sign up.
- Technical Report
 - Beck reported on tree plans and orders, recent trainings and winter snow seedings.

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- Swart reported on new LQP county border signs, updates to office vehicles and plans for AIS program including helping with the School of Fish event, updates to Decon unit planning and attendance of ice fishing tournaments.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker updated on final reporting and working with Grace Lutheran Church for the second year of the pollinator program in Dawson.
 - MaCroatt reported on CDs, health insurance and collaborations with YM SWCD on year end financial reporting.

Old Business:

- a. Building options: Discussed options regarding new location following walk through and meetings with realtor and seller. A motion was made to create a formal committee to make decisions. The committee will include Rhyan Schicker, Quintin Peterson, Dan Larson and be advised by Maria Croatt. Schicker and Larson were given the signing authority. A motion was made by Weber, seconded by Schutte. All in motion, favor carried,

New Business:

- a. Adjustment to order of Agenda: a motion was made by Schutte to move all partner and staff reports to the top of the agenda. Weber seconded, all in favor motion carried.
- b. Pay Equity Report approval: A motion was made by Schutte to approve the pay equity report as presented. Weber seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- c. Delegation to Amend Fund Allocation within Policy: A motion was made by Weber to allow staff to reallocate funds between grant categories ex.) NLMP and T&A . Croatt seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- d. 2026 Cost Share policy adoption: policy changes were discussed. Croatt made a motion to approve the 2026 Policy, Weber seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Local Technical Team (LTT) Fiscal Agent request: Schicker discussed the ask of being the fiscal agent for a series of landowner engagement events in collaboration with the LTT. No formal motion needed, all in agreeance to act as fiscal agent. Contract to be presented at upcoming meeting.

Personnel: *none*



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Calendar of Events

February 13*	Regular SWCD Board Meeting – *FRIDAY MEETING 10 am
February 16	Presidents Day (Office Closed)
February 19	Virtual Meeting-Area 5 MASWCD Media Room
March 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
April 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
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
August 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 7	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
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 1:33 pm.

Amy Bacigalupo

March 12, 2026

Approved

Date

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