



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
May 11, 2023

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Danny Larson, and Daryl Schutte, Rosemary Weber and Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, and Jake Monnens. NRCS Staff present: Kara Fairchild. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Bacigalupo made motion to approve the Minutes from the March 9, 2023 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*

Treasurer's Report:

The checks were reviewed and discussed. Croatt made a motion to approve for payment April check #7989 from the United Prairie account and checks #13284 through #13297 from the Old National account. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program: *None*
- Well Sealing: *None*

Correspondence: Schicker reported we nearing the end of SWCD funding package, Governor would like to see \$22 Million out of the general fund, will be negotiation as only have \$12 million.

Reports:

- Supervisor Report:

Bacigalupo reported LQPYB 1W1P met 4.23.23, approved plant, elected offices, approved by-laws and cost share policy, stated "moving forward"; Schicker has been appointed as Administrator; budget was updated, tracking system decided, set meetings.
- Partner Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Fairchild reported CRP continuous going through August; Grassland ended 5.26.23; Tree CRP-ended up with five approved; had two EQIP funded to date with 11 open; four CSP approved.
 - BWSR: *none*

- Technical Report
 - Peterson reported they are starting to do some flagging, seeding; Trees are in and lot is organized; Fabric also delivered; took delivery of John Deere rental tractor and going to be good; gator went in for service-electric problem.
- Admin Report
 - *None*
- LqP 1W1P Report
 - As previously discussed.

Old Business:

- *None*

New Business:

- Drone purchase: Discussed various options and preferred specifications. Croatt made a motion to purchase a drone with a spending limited of \$3,500. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Tree Building Lawn Maintenance: Dan Olson notified the office that he was no longer going to be providing law maintenance effective immediately. Two quotes were obtained, one from A-n-H Lawn care for \$60 Weekly Rate, and one from Tom & Betty Chester for \$40 per time mowed. Croatt made a motion to hire Tom & Betty Chester. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Personnel:

- Additional staff person with PF & NRC update: Interviews were completed in Madison, offer was made, awaiting response from candidate.

Calendar of Events:

May 29	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August 14	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
August 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 4	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 9	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
October 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 13	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
November 23&24	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
December 25	Christmas (Office Closed)

Adjourn: With no further business, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m..

Dan Larson

June 8, 2023

Approved

Date

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