



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 July 13, 2023

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Danny Larson, and Rosemary Weber. Absent: Daryl Schutte and Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Maria Croatt, Quintin Peterson and Jake Monnens. NRCS Staff present: Kara Fairchild. Pheasants Forever Staff Present: Kayla Chau. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Croatt made motion to approve the Minutes from the June 8, 2023 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. Larson made a motion to approve for payment June checks #7997 through #8004 from the United Prairie account and checks #13309 through #13322 from the Old National account. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program: *None*
- Water Plan:
 - Well Sealing Application: Larson made a motion to approve the following Well Sealing application. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WS 2023-02	2022	\$750.00
WS 2023-03	2022	\$750.00
WS 2023-04	2022	\$750.00

Correspondence: *None*

Reports:

- Supervisor Report:

Croatt spoke on Area 5 meeting, Yellow Medicine proposed to prioritize all projects on AgBMP loans to 1WIP, discussed needing more guidance; District money will now come from General Fund; completed two field tours on Kernza & Rotational Grazing.

- Partner Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Fairchild reported three EQIP were funded, \$17 million coming for next year; CSP had four high priority, one funded, \$8 million for next year; CRP has 100 site checks to do and 165 plans to complete.
 - BWSR: No report. Noted Jason will coming July 31 for area staff meeting.
- Technical Report
 - Peterson reported 390 acres of seeding were completed on 40 sites; almost 8,000 trees & shrubs planted; Fabric install has about four days remaining. Attended & presented at No Child Left Inside series & 4H Friday Series. Drone has been ordered.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker reported attending July 17 LqPYB 1W1P Policy meeting and working with Trudy from the Watershed, maps and plants in print are in office, possible meetings for Landowners at the end of summer and winter for Contractors; MASWCD Leadership-opportunity to attend the 7 different trainings, all fees, materials and accommodations included; Parade in Madison Saturday 7/15 will have gator & tree planter throwing candy; Boyd pollinator project turned out great.
- LqP 1W1P Report
 - As discussed previously.

Old Business:

- *None*

New Business:

- *None*

Personnel:

- New Hire with PF: Kayla Chau introduced.

Calendar of Events:

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 9:13 a.m..

Dan Larson

August 10, 2023

Approved

Date

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