



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes

November 13, 2025

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, November 13th, 2025, at The Multi Media Room/Annex. Board Supervisors present in person: Rose Weber, Danny Larson, Amy Bacigalupo, Mike Croatt and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, and Clayton Beck. Absent: Rhyan Schicker and Noah Swart. NRCS Staff present: Kara Ransom. Pheasants Forever Staff absent. BWSR staff absent.

Chairman Weber welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 11th, 2025, 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. Bacigalupo made a motion to approve for payment September & October checks #8165-8170 and 8171-8178, from the United Prairie account and checks #13640-13658, 13664-13668 and 13659-13663, 13669-13677 from the Old National account. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program:
 - Schutte made a motion to approve the contract 2025-03, Bacigalupo seconded. All in favor, motion carried.
- Water Plan:
 - Schutte made a motion to approve the Well Sealing contracts 2025-17 & 2025-18. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

MASWCD Annual Convention is December 1-3, 2025, Quintin Peterson and Conservationist of the Year, Richard Nobel, are attending.

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report:
 - Meeting from September 30, 2025: Bacigalupo reported on project statuses, funds and concerns. Next meeting January 14, 2026.

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.

- Supervisor Report:
 - Croatt reported on Area 5 meeting 9/18/25 and updated projects and funds
 - Croatt reported on YM 1W1P 11/3/25
- Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Ransom reported returning to the office as of today after shutdown since October 1, 2025. She is waiting to hear update on deadlines.
 - Pheasants Forever: Ransom reported a hire for Farm Bill Biologist position, starts November 24 or December 1, 2025; Grazing Specialist position will be reviewed and plan upcoming meeting.
 - BWSR: *None*
- Technical Report
 - Peterson reported on 1W1P projects, Local Cost share, Certifications, meetings, RCPP can now start with Government shutdown over, presented at Environmental fair
 - Swart is out working on fall seeding.
 - Beck reported on
- Admin Report
 - Schicker (absent) provided a written report; Peterson reported additional info on Water Assessment grant and how it would help with 1W1P results.
 - MaCroatt reported on Ag Reality Fair at Dawson Boyd High School, Article that will be in the newspapers on our 75 years written by Kate Muntean, Environmental Fair held in September, attending BWSR Academy, SWCD logos installed on enclosed trailers and Ag equipment, and updated photos of staff.

Old Business:

- a. Building options: One bid received and reviewed, discussion on possible option of lease/purchasing local building, more to come after owner returns to area.

New Business:

- a. MPCA Surface Water Assessment Grant (SWAG) – from Rhyan’s Manager report

Personnel:

- a. Paid Leave of Minnesota – MaCroatt gave update on signing up with ShelterPoint

Calendar of Events:

- a. Retreat Dates were discussed, decided on January 8th, 2026, following board meeting.
- b. Wednesday January 14, 2025 is the 1W1P Biennial Summit

Calendar of Events

November 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve (Office Closed at Noon)
December 25	Christmas (Office Closed)

Adjourn: With no further business, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 12:47pm.

Dan Larson

December 11, 2025

Approved

Date