



# 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 14, 2022

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present: Danny Larson, Mike Croatt, and Daryl Schutte. Absent: Amy Bacigalupo and Rosemary Weber. SWCD Staff present: Chessa Frahm, Sheri Laechelt, Maria Croatt, Quintin Peterson and Rhyan Schicker. Guest: Kara Fairchild, NRCS. Chairman Croatt welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

### Agenda:

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

### Minutes:

Larson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June, 2022 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. Schutte made a motion to approve for payment June check #7963 from the United Prairie account and June checks #13146 through #13161 from the Old National account. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Larson made a motion to approve the June Treasurer’s Reports as presented. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Schutte made a motion to approve the Audit of the Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2021 prepared by Kinner & Company Ltd as presented. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share:
  - State Cost-Share Payments: Larson made a motion to approve the following State Cost-share payment. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CS 2020-01	2020	Holzemer, Paul	638	\$8133.00

- Well Sealing:
  - Well Sealing Payments: Schutte made a motion to approve the following Well Sealing payments. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WS 2022-06 & 07	2022	Nordby, Terry	\$987.50
WS 2022-08	2022	Kemen, Phyllis	\$500.00

**Correspondence:** *None*

**Reports:**

- Reports:
  - Supervisor Reports: Chairman Croatt reported on his attendance to the Area 5 meeting and tour of the Lake Redwood Reclamation project.
  - Partner Agency Reports:
    - NRCS: Fairchild reported there are 21 CSP Renewals, Burt Hendrickson is working on CRP, EQIP funding is complete for this year
    - BWSR: *None*
  - Technical Reports:
    - Busy doing tree plantings, fabric and seeding; currently 2 tree projects to finish
    - Tractor has been working ok recently
    - Conservation Field Day is being planned
    - Rhyan attended 4H event at the Country Park, will again attend their event next month and bring the Enviroscope
  - Admin Report:
    - Presented draft budget to Commissions, requested approval for 9% increase
    - The LqP 1W1P plan is moving forward. The policy committee made a decision about governance structure and will follow the same as Yellow Medicine.
    - YM 1W1P: Performance review was completed and recommendations were received.
    - FarmFest is August 2-4 and our theme this year is pollinators. We will have pollinator plinko and honey samples for people. (Honey sample provided to those present.)
    - VEBA facilitator transition is complete and will go into effect in September.
    - New sign is up on the office building, one for the tree building needs to be installed

**Old Business:** *None*

**New Business:**

- 1W1P Governance Structure: Moved to next month
- Employee Handbook Update – First Responder Leave: Larson made a motion to accept Alternate 2 with a maximum of 8 hours per calendar year, Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Well Sealing Policy: Schutte made motion to increase 50% payment from max of \$500 to max of \$750, and start using State Cost-Share funds, Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Tree Building bids: Croatt entertained to go with Nobel Roofing contingent on filing a claim with insurance, gutters do not have to be replaced, but a gutter guard should be installed, Larson made a motion, Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Personnel:** *None*

**Calendar of Events:**

August 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting <b>At SWCD Office</b>
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~~ Croatt declared the meeting adjourned at ~~9:19 a.m~~ 9:18 a.m. (Corrected 8.11.2022).

*Mike Croatt*

*8-11-2022*

Approved

Date

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