



# 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 June 9, 2022

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at the Farm Service Center. Board Supervisors present: Rosemary Weber, Amy Bacigalupo, Danny Larson, Mike Croatt, and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Chessa Frahm, Sheri Laechelt. Absent: Quintin Peterson, Rhyan Schicker. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

### Agenda:

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

### Minutes:

Schutte made a motion to approve the Minutes from the April, 2022 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 April checks #7953 through #7954 and May checks #7955 through #7962 from the United Prairie account and April checks #13127 through #13137 and May Checks #13138 through #13145 from the Old National account. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Schutte made a motion to approve the April and May Treasurer’s Reports as presented. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Letter of Resignation:** Laechelt submitted her letter of resignation effective July 15, 2022. She expressed her gratitude for a 10-year rewarding employment experience with the SWCD and is looking forward to PERA Rule of 90 early retirement.

### State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share: *None*
- Well Sealing:
  - Well Sealing Payments: Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the following Well Sealing payments. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WS 2022-01	2021	Stoick, Donald	\$500.00
WS 2022-02 & 03	2021	DeJong, Doug	\$1,000.00
WS 2022-04 & 05	2022	Haas, Eldon	\$1,000.00

**Correspondence:** The Area 5 meeting is scheduled for June 16 in Redwood Falls.

## Reports:

- Reports:
  - Supervisor Reports: Bacigalupo reviewed the Governance Structure for the LqP 1W1P and asked for input from supervisors on the preference of a Joint Powers Collaboration or Joint Powers Entity to bring back to the Policy Committee.
  - Partner Agency Reports:
    - NRCS: *None*
    - BWSR: *None*
  - Technical Reports:
    - Busy doing tree plantings and seeding.
    - Tractor has been having some issues with the PTO so have been working with Ziegler's to get that fixed.
  - Admin Report:
    - Intern update: We had one application and I reviewed the application with the county attorney and determined that we cannot hire anyone under 18 to help with tree planting due to labor laws around operating equipment.
    - The LqP 1W1P plan is moving forward. The teams and committee have been meeting and the policy committee will be making a decision about governance structure during the June 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - YM 1W1P: The Steering Team has not met recently. The WD is going through a PRAP right now and you may get an email to complete a survey.
    - FarmFest is August 2-4 and our theme this year is pollinators. We will have pollinator plinko and honey samples for people.
    - LWG – Kara and I attempted to host an in-person Local Work Group on June 1 without much success due to the weather and planting being behind. We put together an electronic survey and a postcard survey in hopes of getting more response.
    - Our 2023 PEIP rates went up 6% and dental will stay the same. The rates will go into effect July 1, 2022.
    - We will be starting on the 2023 budget and will look into the possibility of hiring a third technician.
    - I attended the NRCS/SWCD Leadership Team Meeting the first week of May.
    - Education & Outreach: I ordered a new sign for the front of the tree building so we get some exposure and people know where to pick up their trees, etc.
    - I will be attending the MN River Congress meeting on June 15 in Mankato. This is the group responsible for pushing the cover crop and upland storage funding with BWSR.

**Old Business:** *None*

## New Business:

- Update bank accounts: Bacigalupo made a motion to remove Sheri Laechelt and to add Maria Croatt as an authorized signer to the SWCD bank accounts. Larson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, motion carried.
- AIS Contract: We have looked into hiring an AIS Specialist with Big Stone County. Big Stone would be the employer and we would be billed for services. At this point, there has not been any applications for the position.

## Personnel:

- Hiring Update: Maria Croatt accepted the Admin Coordinator position. She will officially start on June

14<sup>th</sup> and will get her fingerprints and background check completed that day.

**Calendar of Events:**

June 20	Juneteenth Observed (Office Closed)
June 27	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
June 22	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
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 declared the meeting adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

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Approved

Date

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