



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes

January 8th, 2026

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday January 8th, 2026, at The Bellingham American Legion. Board Supervisors present in person: Rose Weber, Danny Larson, Amy Bacigalupo, Mike Croatt and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Noah Swart, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, Clayton Beck. No partner agencies present.

Chairman Weber welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

Agenda:

Larson made a motion to approve the Agenda with addition of item c. RCPP contracts, under item 8, Cost Share Programs, Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Croatt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the December 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 checks #8189-8198, with 8188 voided from the United Prairie account and checks #13690-13710 from the Old National account. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

a. State Cost-Share Program: *none*

b. Water Plan: *none*

c. RCPP

- a. Contracts 37-1-1, -2, -3, and -4 were presented and discussed. Larson made a motion to approve the four contracts as presented. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: none

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report:
 - Next Policy meeting 01/14/2026 in conjunction with biennial summit at Canby city hall
- Supervisor Report: Mike attended and reported on the virtual YMR-1W1P meeting on 1/5/26
- Agency Reports:
 - Pheasants Forever: PF Grazing specialist Mariah Lewis started Tuesday 1/6/26
- Technical Report
 - Beck reported on tree plans (7 on the box, max of 10 to sign up), shop modifications, drone training and work in the RIM program.

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- Swart reported on 2026 end of year AIS report, collaborations with Big Stone counties 4H/AIS program, the 2026 seeding outlook with 323 acres on the books and education and outreach plans through LTT.
- Peterson reported on upcoming soil health event on Jan 29th, soil health programming and staff JAA updates.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker updated on end of year reporting, retreat prep and biennial summit prep as well as information about the UMN Farmer Climate Action funds and all the interest from our region through applications submitted.
 - MaCroatt reported on year end reports and financials. More details outline during end of year presentation and new business.

Old Business:

- a. Building options: options discussed

New Business:

- a. Election of Officers
- b. Committee appointments

2026 officer appointments are as follows:

Chair- Dan Larson Vice Chair- Daryl Schutte Secretary- Mike Croatt

Treasurer- Amy Bacigalupo Public Relations- Rose Weber

Committee representatives as followed:

Budget/Finance- Weber and Croatt TSA- Croatt and Larson Personnel- Schutte and Weber

Legislative- Bacigalupo and Schutte

YM 1W1P- Croatt & Weber LqP-YB- Bacigalupo and Croatt

Bacigalupo made a motion to approve new officer and committee appointments. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- c. 2026 Meeting Dates and Times- same days/time
- d. Designate official bank(s), newspaper(s)-same papers
- e. 2026 Fees
 - Fees were increased for planting of bareroot and potted trees/shrubs. \$1.00/Br and \$2.00/pot
- f. 2026 Budget
 - Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the budget as presented. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- g. Set capitalization and depreciation (2025 was \$3500)- no changes
- h. Policy Adoptions
 - MN Family and Medical Paid Leave policy presented, and entered summary in employee handbook. Croatt made a motion to approve the policy and handbook as presented. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Personnel: none



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Calendar of Events

January 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting & Board Retreat – Bellingham, MN
January 13	SWPTSA Board Meeting – Virtual @ SWCD Office
January 14	LqP-YB Policy Committee Meeting
January 19	MLK Jr Day (Office Closed)
January 24-25	Del Clarke Canby Classic Ice Fishing Tournament
January 29	Soil Health Meeting – Hilltop Grill, Dawson – open to the Public
February 13*	Regular SWCD Board Meeting – *FRIDAY MEETING 10 am
February 16	Presidents Day (Office Closed)
February 19	Virtual Meeting-Area 5 MASWCD Media Room
March 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
April 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
May 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
July 3	Independence Day-Observed (Office Closed)
July 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 7	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 12	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
November 11	Veteran’s Day (Office Closed)
November 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 26&27	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 10	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 12:34 pm.

Daryl Schutte

February 13, 2026

Approved

Date

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