



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 November 10, 2022

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, November 10, 2022, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present: Danny Larson, Mike Croatt, and Amy Bacigalupo, Daryl Schutte and Rosemary Weber. SWCD Staff present: Maria Croatt (MaCroatt), Quintin Peterson and Rhyan Schicker. Chair Rosemary Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda:

MaCroatt requested to add Schulke No. iii to Cost-Share Programs Contracts & Payments, Letter a. State Cost-Share Programs and add Daryl to sign for County Registered Write-in to accept Area 4 Supervisor to New Business, letter A. Croatt made a motion to approve the Agenda. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Croatt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the special meeting on October 13, 2022 board meeting. Bacigalupo 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 October checks #7973 through #7975 from the United Prairie account and October checks #13191 through #13201 from the Old National account. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

MaCroatt presented Accounts Payable and noted that the payable of \$1,390.81 due to Paul Moriarty was for November Rent and not Help Wanted as shown.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share:
 - Bjornson – Removed for 2022
 - Haas – Unavailable at present time, table to next month
 - Croatt made a motion to approve the following State Cost-share payment. Bacigalupo 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 2021-04 | 2021 | Schuelke, Jerry | 340 | \$7500.00 |
- Well Sealing:
 - Well Sealing Applications: *none*

Water Plan:

Steering Meeting for 1W1P; Need to sign Joint Powers Contract today; Draft out until November 23 for public comment, December 15th open day for final comments.

Correspondence:

- MASWCD Area 5 Meeting – Scheduled for November 17th, Schicker and MaCroatt to attend, not supervisors available.
- MASWCD Annual Convention – Schicker and Peterson registered, no supervisors to attend, 2022 Conservation Champion Dan Kellen planning to attend to receive his award.

Reports:

- Reports:
 - Supervisor Reports: *none*
 - Partner Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Kara Fairchild not present, report attached. EQUIP funding hope we do not have to turn any away in 2023.
 - BWSR: *None*
 - Technical Reports:
 - Dormant seeding was rained out, were able to get in those with low wet ground prior to rain. Fall seedings are down this year. Spring 2023 seeding up likely due to re-enrolls for CRP.
 - Tree Planting/Sales-trying to increase sales, have a number of plantings on the list, posted remaining tree stock for sale at discounted prices.
 - Admin Report:
 - Used money from Conservation Champion Grant to do two billboards in the area, one near Dove Ag Services, the other near the Hwy 212/75 intersection.
 - Healthy Fields Photo Contest – to be put in the paper and Facebook, collect photos and give away chamber bucks & membership to Minnesota Soil Health Coalition.
 - Attended Climate event kickoff with YES team from school, good generational event
 - MCIT-updated tree building to \$100,000
 - Health Insurance discussion-more to come December meeting
 - Board Packets will be emailed going forward unless someone requests mailed copy
 - Credit card usage-use local accounts if needed, will not pay credit card fee if store charges them, keep spending limits low
 - BWSR training end of October was very good

Old Business:

- CD renewal – Leave as they are, going forward at board meeting prior to renewal board will vote to move to another bank if competitive rate is available.
- 1W1P JPC Signing – Returned to the office to sign following meeting, signed by Weber.

New Business:

- Daryl signed for County Registered Write-in to accept Area 4 Supervisor

Personnel:

- Conservation Technician Update: Received applications, closes Monday 11/14. Personnel committee meeting Tuesday at 9am to review.
- Friday November 25th: Motion by Bacigalupo to close the office and pay staff Holiday time. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Calendar of Events

- All Staff not available December 8th, meeting moved to Tuesday December 6th at 8am.

November 17 MASWCD Southwest Area 5 Meeting
 November 24 & 25 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)
~~December 8~~ Moved to December 6th 8 AM Regular SWCD Board Meeting
 December 12-14 MASWCD Annual Convention & Trade Show
 December 15 Public 1W1P Meeting
 December 23 Christmas Eve Observed (Office Closed at Noon)
 December 26 Christmas Observed (Office Closed)
 January 12, 2023 Regular SWCD Board Meeting at 8am

The SWCD Board of Supervisors meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Thursday of each month beginning at 10:00 (Nov - April) and 8:00 (May - October). All Regular SWCD board meetings will be held at the Annex through January 2023.

Adjourn: With no further business, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Danny Larson

12-6-2022

Approved

Date

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