



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 December 6, 2022

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, December 6, 2022, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present: Danny Larson, Mike Croatt, Daryl Schutte and Rosemary Weber. Absent: Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Maria Croatt (MaCroatt), Quintin Peterson and Rhyan Schicker. NRCS Staff present: Kara Fairchild.

Chair Rosemary Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Croatt made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 11, 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. Croatt made a motion to approve for payment November checks #7976 through #7977 from the United Prairie account and November checks #13202 through #13214 from the Old National account. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share: none
- Well Sealing: Schutte made a motion to approve the following Well Sealing payments & applications. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• WS 2022-10	2022	Ludvigson, Charles	\$750.00
○ For Payment			
• WS 2022-11-13	2022	Hoff Partnership	\$2250.00 (3 wells)
○ For approval of application			

Correspondence: *none*

Reports:

- Reports:
 - Supervisor Reports: *none*

- Partner Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Kara Fairchild gave update she received 15 EQIP applications, there were 5 CSP renewals to be done, and NRCS is looking into contracting out CRP to the district and/or Pheasants Forever.
 - BWSR: *None*
- Technical Reports:
 - Tree meetings started for 2023 plantings
 - Finished Fall Seedings
 - Returned tractor, stored Drill at Quintin Peterson's
 - Will start contacting implement dealers for 2023 tractor lease-requested bids
 - Looking into vehicle stickers with District name to identify who we are on sites
- Admin Report:
 - Healthy Fields Photo Contest – received 25 photos, top 3 given prizes
 - Area 5 Meeting attended, NRCS presented, Soil Health money coming, more info to come, Climate Funds coming, discussed lots of overlap within NRCS & district, discussed competitiveness in employment offerings
 - Health Insurance Discussion - Presented proposal of change in district coverage of premiums, cash in lieu of for employee's option. Larson made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried

Old Business: *none*

New Business: *none*

Personnel:

- Conservation Technician Update: Personnel committee interviewed 3 applicants, extended offer to and accepted by Jake Monnens, he will start December 12th.
- Additional Staff Person: Talked with Tanner Bruce at Pheasants Forever regarding possibility of placing a person within LqP County. This would be shared NRCS/PF/SWCD position with PF based & benefited position. 50% NRCS, rest split PF/SWCD. Croatt made a motion to pursue. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Calendar of Events

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 10:08 a.m.

Daryl Schutte

1-12-2023

Approved

Date

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity service provider and employer.