



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes
July 10th, 2025

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, July 10th, 2025, at The Multi Media Room/Annex. Board Supervisors present in person: Rosemary Weber, Danny Larson, Mike Croatt, Amy Bacigalupo and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Maria Croatt, Noah Swart, Rhyan Schicker, and Clayton Beck. Quintin Peterson absent. NRCS Staff present: Kara Ransom. Pheasants Forever Staff Absent. BWSR staff absent.

Chairman Weber welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. Introductions held for Clayton Beck, new Technician.

Agenda:

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 June 12th, 2025, 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 June checks #8133-8145, from the United Prairie account and checks #13590-13610, from the Old National account. Larson 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:

- State Cost-Share Program: *none*
- Water Plan:
 - Larson made a motion to approve the Well Sealings in Hamlin 6, Garfield 12, Arena 1 and Hantho 19 as presented. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence: Schicker reported there is a meeting on SWCD Governance & Leadership in St. Cloud for anyone to attend if they are interested.

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report:
 - Schicker reported on the quarterly policy meeting on 7-9-25, no contracts were approved, CRP Incentive funds discussed, no up front 3 year payments, more information to come, will involve local cost share policies to be revised.
- Supervisor Report: *None*

A conflict of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests, and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. Supervisors are asked to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business. Any member who declares a conflict of interest must not vote on that agenda item.

- Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Ransom reported on the Local Work Group survey, Soil health was at the top followed by incentives are not consistent and contractors are not available. EQIP 2025 complete-five funded and three renewals, 2026 deadline August 1, 2025, Second batch of CRP closes July 18 with 75 accepted, Hiring freeze has been extended to October 2025
 - Pheasants Forever: Ransom reported that Pheasants Forever is hoping to hire by this fall for the Madison office.
 - BWSR: Schicker reported on RCPP Funds status
- Technical Report
 - Swart reported on vehicle maintenance, Drone flying, training with Clayton, tree plantings with weather being a challenge, trainings, boat order status; Starry Trek coming up on August 9th, materials for AIS handed out, successful participation.
 - Beck reported on seeding, tree plantings, planting for Dawson projects, trainings attended, starting Drone licensing.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker reported on Job Shadow person coming, Dawson projects update
 - MaCroatt reported Chamber events this week, increase in AgBMP inquires, working on requests from auditor for 2024 Audit, end of season tree sales.

Old Business:

- Boat ordered with September arrival

New Business:

- Building Options: Discussion held on option to build at tree building, Board requested numbers to be obtained and hold further discussion on later meetings.

Personnel:

- New Employee (introduced at beginning of meeting.)

Calendar of Events:

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July 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
July 18	Field day 3 of 3 with Russell Hedrick at Millers (Dawson)
August 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 1	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 13	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 27 & 28	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 11	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 9:29am.

Amy Bacigalupo

August 14, 2025

Approved

Date