

LINCOLN SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT . . .



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Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District

Minutes of the Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Regular Meeting, Lincoln SWCD Office, Ivanhoe, MN, April 17, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members:

Josh Osland- PRI
Dale Fier, Chair
Ronald Bunjer, Vice Chair
Keith Olsen, Treasurer
Tony Dwire, Secretary

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Austin DeVlaeminck
Noah Steffen
Joy Bruns

Meeting called to order at 8:04 am April 17, 2024, by Chair Dale Fier.

Approve Agenda

- Addition of local restoration order in Ash Lake Section 3, donation toward the Hwy 75 tour and local WCA appeal process. Motion made to approve the agenda.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 5-0

Minutes – March 20, 2024, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of the March, 2024, regular meeting.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

- Motion made to approve the Bills and Treasurer's report.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Soil Health Position Grant with SWPTSA

- Manager received word that we were fully awarded the funding for the grant (\$175,000 over 4 years).

Board Discussion on Legislative Concerns

The mission of the Lincoln SWCD is to protect and improve the quality of our water, soil, and natural resources by providing programs and services to the citizens and owners of Lincoln County to implement conservation practices.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

- Chairman discussed what he heard at an Electric Cooperative Legislative Day regarding SWCD funding from the general budget.

Water Resource possible drainage from SD into MN issue in the Lac qui Parle Watershed.

- Discussion was held on the issue of the possible drainage of a 65-acre basin that flows into MN from SD. The manager and Technical Advisor gave the update to the board.

Building Update

- Manager gave the update. A building permit has been approved by the City of Ivanhoe. Waiting for bids from contractors. The board suggested hiring the contractor to get a time frame for construction. We can lock into materials once we have that time frame.

Pickup update

- Manager reported that a purchase of a 2024 Chevy Silverado was made from Lockwood Motors in Marshall.

Area 5 Supervisors Survey

- Discussion was held on future area 5 meetings to gain more attendance by board members. Manager discussed the survey that is to be taken by each board member. Board members are to get the survey filled out and sent back to the manager.

Technical Programs Update

- Technicians and Manager discussed the status of all technical programs.

Watershed Reports

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Water storage meeting. Discussed the structural and non-structural projects that have been submitted to the watershed office.
- Lac Qui Parle River 1W1P- Noah updated the board on the new \$60,000 cap for non-structural practices. Also discussed the new projects funded by the Lac qui Parle 1W1P in Lincoln County and the donation of \$3500 toward the Highway 75 tour.
- Missouri 1W1P- Well head letters were sent to customers to strike up interest in cover crops so we can apply for a well head grant for soil health. People have been calling in with interest.
- Redwood- Policy meeting was held in Marshall. Elected the officers for the committee. The committee decided to do a direct hire of Houston Engineering to be the consultant on the project.

Other Business

- Discussion of a local restoration order in Ash Lake Section 3. Manager discussed the restoration order with the SWCD board (LGU for WCA). A motion was made to send the restoration order to the Landowner after the TEP's final review of the order.
 - Motion- Olsen
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 5-0
- Discussion was held on the local WCA appeals process for Lincoln County. A motion was made to rescind the local appeal process and have all appeals handled by the Board of Water and Soil Resources.
 - Motion- Bunjer
 - Second- Dwire
 - Passed- 5-0

