

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, Wednesday September 11, 2024 @ 8:00 a.m.

Board Members:

Josh Osland- Secretary
Tony Dwire- Vice-Chairman
Ronald Bunjer, Chairman
Keith Olsen-Treasurer
Jeff Paluch- PR&I

District/NRCS:

Dale Sterzinger
Austin DeVlaeminck
Noah Steffen-Absent
Joy Bruns

Meeting called to order at 8:02 am September 11, 2024, by Vice Chairman Ronald Bunjer.

Approve Agenda

- Motion made to approve the agenda with the addition of contract SHD2025-01 for \$19,575.72.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Minutes – August 21, 2024, Meeting

- Discussed minutes. No corrections or additions.
- Motion Made to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2024, regular meeting.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Bills/Treasurer's Report

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

Soil Health Grant for Verdi DWSMA

- Discussion was held on the grant. No motion was needed.

Ag BMP funding report

- A discussion was held on the status of the funding

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Well Sealing

- Contract WP-WS-10-2023 for Robert Olsen 1 well \$500
- Payment WP-WS-10-2023 for Robert Olsen 1 Well \$500

Soil Health Delivery Grant contract number SHD2025-01 for Nathan Krog no till/strip till and cover crops \$19,575.72.

- Motion was made to approve contract number SHD2025-01 for \$19,575.72 for a three-year cover crop and no till/strip till contract contingent upon Landowner signature on the contract.
 - Motion- Osland
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

First Security Bank Authorization Resolution

- Motion was made to have all board members and staff sign the resolution giving check signing authority to everyone. Both technicians are not to sign the same checks unless approved by the manager.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Paluch
 - Passed- 5-0

2025 Budget Discussion

- A discussion was held to budget for a three percent cost of living increase plus step increases, along with an additional 50 cent raise for the technical staff for achieving job approval authority.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Olsen
 - Passed- 5-0

Buffalo Ridge PF Banquet

- 2 Tickets for the banquet were offered to the board members for the September 14 banquet.

Audit Update

- Manager gave a quick update as to 2023 audit and the bank information that was requested by the auditor on September 6, 2024.

WCA Rule Change Update

- Manager gave an update on the new ag exemption.

Assignment of Payment for seed customer

Discussion was held explaining that one customer has decided to sign the assignment form.

Building update

- Discussion was held on the building process.

Technical Programs Update

- Technical programs were discussed with the board by the staff. Seed, construction projects of waterways, cover crops and OCF, soil health coalition and Lincoln SWCD field day.

Watershed Reports

- Yellow Medicine River 1W1P- Waterway projects were completed on schedule. Landowners/operators were contacted about deadlines and seeding of cover crops.

- Lac Qui Parle River- Cover crop participants were contacted to get things lined up for fall seeding.
- Missouri 1W1P- Verdi DWSMA Grant discussion.

Redwood 1W1P- Ron Bunjer gave an update on the policy committee meeting.

Other Business

- A motion was made to keep an 8:00 AM start time for all board meetings throughout the entire year.
 - Motion- Dwire
 - Second- Osland
 - Passed- 5-0
- Discussion was held CD and Money Market rates. Manager is to look for investment opportunities for the district

Reports:

- County Commissioner Report- Not present
- District Manager's Report
 - WCA work on culvert and bridge for Hwy Dept.
 - Elink Grant work plans
 - OCF/SWCD soil health field day
- Conservation Technician Report- Not present
- Technical Advisors Report- Not present
- NRCS Report- Not present

The next regular board meeting for October will not be held, next meeting will be November 20, 2024 @ 8:00 AM Lincoln SWCD Office.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM. Motion made by Osland, Seconded by Paluch, to adjourn the meeting. Passed 5-0.

APPROVED: 11-20-24
DATE

Ronald D Bunjer's
SIGNATURE

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