



# 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 September 14, 2023

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 14, 2023, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Danny Larson, Rosemary Weber, and Amy Bacigalupo. Absent: Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Maria Croatt, Quintin Peterson, and Jake Monnens. Absent: Rhyan Schicker. NRCS Staff present: Kara Fairchild. Pheasants Forever Staff Present: Kayla Chau. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

### Agenda:

After the addition of three items, Croatt made a motion to approve the Agenda as printed. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### Minutes:

Bacigalupo made motion to approve the Minutes from the August 10, 2023 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 August checks #8010 through #8013 from the United Prairie account and checks #13334 through #13340 from the Old National account. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the August Treasurer's Report as presented. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program:  
Contract #2023-01: Bacigalupo made a motion to re-approve State Cost Share Contract 2023-01, after plan changes were made. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Water Plan: *None*

### Correspondence:

- BWSR Update: September 2023 for SWCD Area Meetings

### Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report
  - Bacigalupo noted there were no recent meetings, next one is in October
  - Peterson reported that two projects are underway, and there is a soil health contract interest.
- Supervisor Report:
  - Croatt reported on YM 1W1P that CRP incentive grant is available, possibly based off their CRP, YM Soil Health rate follows ours. Attended SW Area 5 meeting, TSA is working on 189 projects, contractors are a challenge, TSA looking at Soil Health Specialist for all 11 counties, Drone purchase was approved, TSA will not charge for service in 2024 to all districts.

- Partner Agency Reports:
  - NRCS: Fairchild reported October 6 is EQIP/CSP deadline, no replacement for wetland person as of yet, CRP was 122 re-enroll, 27 new continuous, 13 of the 86 reviews are done.
  - BWSR: It was noted that the current Borad Conservationist, Jason Becker, has taken a new position and the district will be assigned to someone else.
  - Pheasants Forever: *None*
- Technical Report
  - Peterson & Monnens reported that they are working on structural practices education, held a booth at the County fair, presented to the 4H kids on Prairie Grazing, Tree Plans are coming in-larger ones, seeding schedule in full for fall and spring, working on updating contractor list to provide possible options, IE Pheasants Forever drill rental, but it does not have a native seed box.
- Admin Report
  - Croatt reported there was good traffic at the four days of the county fair, BWSR academy coming in October and all four staff will attend.

**Old Business:**

- New UTV Review: Peterson presented a 1000cc Can Am Defender from Action Sports in Marshall, and a 812cc John Deere 835m from Midwest Machinery in Madison. Croatt made motion to approve purchase of the Can Am with glass windows as quoted from Action Sports. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Storage Shed purchase: Peterson reported that he will forgo the shed purchase and replace with enclosed trailer for seed storage. Discussion followed. Croatt made motion to purchase an enclosed trailer with steel frame, aluminum body, 20ft max, 7k # axel, at up to \$15,000 from a close dealership. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**New Business:**

- Audit: Review of audit was held. Croatt made motion to approve the Financial Audit Report for the Year Ended December 31, 2022 completed by Kinner & Company Ltd. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

**Personnel:**

- *None*

**Calendar of Events:**

September 26-27	SWCD Environmental Fair
October 9	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
October 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 13	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
November 23&24	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
December 25	Christmas (Office Closed)

**Adjourn:** With no further business, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Amy Bacigalupo

11-09-2023

Approved

Date

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