



# 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 August 10, 2023

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Danny Larson, and Rosemary Weber. Virtual: Amy Bacigalupo. Absent: Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Maria Croatt, Quintin Peterson, and Jake Monnens. NRCS Staff present: Kara Fairchild. Pheasants Forever Staff Present: Kayla Chau. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

### Agenda:

Larson made a motion to approve the Agenda as printed. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### Minutes:

Croatt made motion to approve the Minutes from the July 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. Bacigalupo made a motion to approve for payment July checks #8005 through #8009 from the United Prairie account and checks #13324 through #13333 from the Old National account. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Larson made a motion to approve the July 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: Croatt made a motion to approve State Cost Share Contract 2023-01, pending engineers signature given no changes are made. Larson seconded the motion. Weber to sign final contract following return of engineer’s signature. All in favor, motion carried.
- Water Plan:
  - Well Sealing Application: Croatt made a motion to approve the following Well Sealing applications. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WS 2023-05	2023	\$687.50
WS 2023-06	2023	\$750.00

**Correspondence:** *None*

### Reports:

- LqP 1W1P Report
  - Bacigalupo spoke on the Policy committee that met twice in July under the new by-laws and joint power collaboration. Maps are now available. BWSR approved for two years, recommended and funds of \$311,714 received. Rank & Score tools to be used as projects come in. Review prior to policy. Over threshold will need to be approved by board. Steering committee

meeting to be held. Four projects currently approved: 3 in Yellow Medicine, 1 in Lac qui parle. Advertising will be going out on non-structural practices, possibly in postcard format.

- Yellow Medicine 1WIP meeting to be held Monday September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Supervisor Report:
  - *None*
- Partner Agency Reports:
  - NRCS: Fairchild reported three EQIP were funded and will need signed by 10/6/2023; CSP had one out of four funded, no renewals; CRP-drought opened up to Emergency Haying & Grazing plans: 170 plans with 25 left to write; Kayla is doing CRP reenrollment reviews; Wetland staff (out of Marshall) has person leaving, unknown plan on replacement.
  - BWSR: Jason held meeting in Madison with local area staff, noted more flexible cost share policy on projects coming, pending approval of BWSR meeting end of August, potential of more State Cost Share funding.
  - Pheasants Forever: *None*
- Technical Report
  - Peterson reported time being spent on 1WIP outreach; time on easements & flagging from land owner requests; Wrapping up billing & CRP seed tags for FSA; Taking Kayla out on training. Monnens reported on third and final outdoor series held with Watershed; using Drone, showed pictures of county park taken with drone.
- Admin Report
  - Schicker reported on tree program, refocusing next year on better, more effective field season in 2024.

**Old Business:**

- *None*

**New Business:**

- New Logo- Discussion on darker colors (printer not adequate on paper copy), as well as adjusting words & font to fit as appropriate wherever used; to be unveiled to public at the Lac qui Parle County Fair.
- New UTV Purchase – Discussion was held on current John Deere Gator and the multiple times it has been in and attempted to be fixed, staff requested the approval to look into new purchase, will present findings at September meeting.
- Storage Shed Purchase- Discussion was held on purchase of storage shed for safe keeping of seed, staff requested the approved to look into new purchase, will present findings at September meeting.

**Personnel:**

- *None*

**Calendar of Events:**

- MaCroatt held discussion on availability of the remaining four Regularly scheduled SWCD Board meetings as Schicker will be absent due to a scheduling conflict with the Managers Training Series. Decision was made to check in no less than one week prior for Quorum, and Peterson will be present in Schicker's absence.

September 4	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
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 2:27 p.m..

*Dan Larson*

*September 14, 2023*

Approved

Date

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