



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes April 11, 2024

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Rosemary Weber, Daryl Schutte, and Danny Larson. Absent: Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, and Jake Monnens. NRCS Staff present: Kara Ransom. Pheasants Forever Staff present: Kayla Chau. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.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 February 26, 2024, 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. Larson made a motion to approve for payment February & March checks #8039-8046 from the United Prairie account and checks #13420-13429 from the Old National account. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Croatt made a motion to approve the February & March 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:
 - None

Correspondence:

- Area V Letter & Survey-discussion on attendance requested of Supervisors, survey to be completed by Croatt and returned to office.

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report
 - Shicker gave update, additional funding for both structural and non-structural, multiple projects in the works, \$60,000 non-structural cap implemented, Area 5 staffing grant will get 2 Farmer mentors-currently reviewing work plan to implement, Hwy 75 tour coming up, discussion had- Croatt made a motion to approve \$1500 for tour costs out of County Water Plan funds. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- Supervisor Report:
 - Croatt reported on YM 1W1P April 1, 2024, proposal on Quintin Peterson's grazing pasture from cropland was passed unanimously, final results coming on measure of accomplishments, approved 2 structural and 8 non-structural project.
- Partner Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Ransom reported EQIP funds slowly coming in, 7 applications funded, CSP rank deadline tomorrow.
 - Pheasants Forever: Chau reported CRP first batch ended and approved, 55 plans on desk to work, 2nd batch is open and closes tomorrow, training on targeting farmers content with current practices to get them to look at others.
 - BWSR: Schicker reported Luke Olson, BC is attending 1W1P, very communicative, HELP grant for enhancing/creating CRP – contractor applies and we get involved by providing land owners interested, closes in June.
- Technical Report
 - Monnens reported there are 12 seedings scheduled, 5 more tentative, 7500 trees ordered, 6100 sold to 67 customers, of which 15 are plantings, tree building is open and cooler is on, trees coming-starting today, both tractors from Midwest Machinery are on site, planter hooked up, discussed possibilities for old fabric machine, no decision made.
 - Peterson reported on attending work group meetings, meeting with land owners for potential projects, projects sent to TSA for survey & design for fall 2024 projects a96 potential), discussion on policy adoption for perennial pasture practice, allow small grains – plan for 2025 projects.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker reported on Prairie Eco Links tree give away-meeting tonight, 150 trees
 - MaCroatt reported upcoming Earth Week events, ditch cleanup to be done, attended Dawson Chamber meeting, reported on upcoming Environmental Fair.
 - Environment Fair donations request discussion – Croatt made motion to approve up to \$2,000 donation to the Environmental Fair after effort is made to raise funds from are county businesses. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Policy Adoption
 - Conservation Contracts (former Cost-Share) Policy – discussion. Larson made motion to approve the Conservation Contracts Policy as written. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- Building Lease – Discussion on Lease Agreement proposal from Paul E. Moriarty Living Trust. Former lease signed ended May 2011, no lease since. Current proposal includes 41% increase and four years. Weber suggested requesting 10% increase and 1 year lease, with adamancy on attention to repairs, review with neighboring SWCDs, inquiry with Schultz before signing.

Personnel:

- AIS Technician – Schicker presented information on hiring an AIS Technician, discussion followed. Schutte made motion to begin advertising position and collecting applications. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Calendar of Events:

May 9	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
May 27	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting



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August 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 2	Labor Day (Office Closed)
September 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
October 14	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
November	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
November 11	Veteran's Day (Office Closed)
November 14	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
November 28&29	Thanksgiving & Friday (Office Closed)
December 12	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 12:09 p.m.

Dan Larson

May 9, 2024

Approved

Date

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