



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
March 9, 2023

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at the Madison Mercantile. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Danny Larson, and Daryl Schutte; present virtually: Rosemary Weber and Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, and Jake Monnens. NRCS Staff present: Kara Fairchild. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda:

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 February 9, 2023 board meeting. Croatt 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 February checks #7984 through #7987 from the United Prairie account and checks #13256 through #13260, 13262 from the Old National account. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program: *None*
- Well Sealing: *None*

Correspondence: *None*

Reports:

- Supervisor Report: *None*

Bacigalupo reported that the LqPYB 1W1P met 2/22/23. Made decision on who will attend at BWSR to approve Workplan. Funds leftover will be used to print up maps and costs for consultants to attend meetings. Tracking system was discuss, Bi-laws and governance draft reviewed and discussed. Shicker noted that BWSR meeting was set for 3/13/23 at 9am of which she will attend with Houston Engineering. Croatt noted tracking system from Houston (for YB 1W1P) was high cost and suggested talking to Michelle with Yellow Medicine on the one that was used.
- Partner Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: Kara Fairchild reported CRP rental rates were in and they are higher that in the past, open enroll through April 7th.
 - BWSR: *none*

- Technical Report
 - Tractor: Peterson reported the tractor for Midwest Machinery is on site at Madison lot. Second tractor still open and looking at Ziegler or Wildung.
 - Tree plans and seed orders wrapping up.
 - Fabric machine down payment sent, hoping for May 1st arrival.
 - Florida Creek watershed & DNR update
 - NWF Event was held 3.8.2023 with producers, good turnout
 - No update on drone, still going through material before taking test
 - Discussed having written instructions to landowners for all planted jobs, call Rodney Ryes for tips.
- Admin Report
 - MaCroatt reported: BWSR has a new eLink site up, much more user friendly. Arbor Day & Earth Day events being planned for end of April. Rick Clark Event 3/30/2023. Women Landowner Group morning 3/30/2023. Environmental Fair planning moving along.
 - Schicker reported
 - Mitch Enderson with the watershed received the No Child Left Indoors Grant and events will be held at Del Clark, this will be for 5-8th graders and includes fishing, kayaking, hiking, camping and animal information.
 - HELP grant submitted for enhancing CREP land and in town planting as well, 75% cost share.
 - Boyd project continues, resources being created for use in future projects.
 - Attended legislative briefing and networking event 3/7 with Yellow Medicine, good experience, met with local legislators.
- LqP 1W1P Report
 - As noted in Supervisor report.

Old Business:

- Vehicle Trade (Car): MaCroatt noted inquiries were done with Lee Motors, Erickson Chevrolet and Cleveland Chevrolet and none had a vehicle available under 100K miles and at this time none were not willing to go to auction to obtain anything. Expanding search to next nearest dealerships, a vehicle was presented from Marthaler Chevrolet in Glenwood, MN and discussed. Croatt made a motion to purchase the 2019 Chevrolet Traverse as presented. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

New Business:

- *none*

Personnel:

- Additional staff person with PF & NRC update: Shicker reported that opening is not yet advertised and she will check with Tanner again. Gemma is coming to train on CRP with Schicker & Fairchild.

Calendar of Events:

April 10	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
April 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
May 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
May 29	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 8	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August 14	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
August 10	Regular SWCD Board Meeting

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 11:25 a.m..

Daryl Schutte

April 13, 2023

Approved

Date

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