



# 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 November 4, 2021

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, November 4, 2021, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present: Mike Croatt, Rosemary Weber, Daryl Schutte, Dan Larson. Absent: Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Chessa Frahm, Sheri Laechelt, and Rhyan Schicker. Absent: Quintin Peterson. NRCS Staff absent: Burt Hendrickson. Chairman Croatt welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

### Agenda:

Schutte made a motion to approve the Agenda. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### Minutes:

Larson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September, 2021 board meeting. Weber 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. Schutte made a motion to approve for payment September checks #7939 through #7940 and October checks #7941 through #7942 from the United Prairie account. September checks, #13037 through #13049 and October checks, #13050 through #13059 from the Old National account. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Weber made a motion to approve the September & October Treasurer's Reports as presented. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program: *None*
- Water Plan:
  - Well Sealing Completion: Schutte made a motion to approve the following Well Sealing payments. Weber seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

<u>Contract #</u>	<u>CS Year</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
WS 2021-03	2021	Winkels, Eugene	\$500.00
WS 2021-04	2021	Hanson, Brett	\$256.25
WS 2021-05	2021	Hanson, Brett	\$256.25

### Correspondence:

- Area 5 Meeting: Scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in Marshall.
- State Convention: Scheduled for December 14-15 in Bloomington.

### Reports:

- Supervisor Report: *None*
- Partner Agencies:

- NRCS: To view Hendrickson's report, see *attachment at end of minutes*.
- Technical Report: Schicker reported:
  - We have about 153 acres to seed this fall which shouldn't be a problem to complete.
  - There are about 20 tree plantings scheduled for Spring.
  - Easement inspections were completed before the deadline. We had a lot of haying plans implemented due to the drought and need for hay this year.
  - Completed the seeding on the CREP agreement we have, and bids have gone out and returned for the wetland restoration portion of the contract and now we are waiting to hear from BWSR.
  - Schicker has been working with the City of Boyd on a pollinator project and they will be applying for funding through the Lawns to Legumes BWSR grant program.
  - Conservation Champions weekly webinars will begin today.
- Admin Report:
  - The LqP 1W1P Monthly Report was shared.
  - Attended the LqP 1W1P Kick-off meeting with 28 landowners attending along with agency personnel. Thirty-nine people responded to the survey which the contractor will be ranking and returning the data for review. The Policy Team has been approved.
  - Attended the MCIT Human Resources Update.
  - Completed the IDP's for Schicker and Peterson for upcoming training opportunities.
  - Will be attending the Career Fair at Ridgewater College on December 3 with Big Stone and Yellow Medicine SWCD Managers.
  - Participated in a Small Focus Group to work on Local Workgroup Updates.
  - The sale of the box scrapper through govdeals.com ended with the price of \$750. The individual has picked it up and funds have been received.

**Old Business:** *None*

**New Business:**

- Cost-Share Policy Update – Enforcement Action: Schutte made a motion to approve the cost-share Enforcement Action after adjusting the wording. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. The Control of Land portion was tabled so further thought could be put into the desired wording.

**Personnel**

- Intern: Weber made a motion to advertise for an intern and give the personnel committee approval to interview and hire. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried. Applications will be due December 10th with the person possibly starting in late January with 500 hours available.

**Calendar of Events:**

November 11 Veteran's Day (Office Closed)  
 November 25 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)  
 December 9 Regular SWCD Board Meeting 10 am  
 December 22 Lac qui Parle Policy Committee 1:00 pm  
 December 24 Christmas Eve (Office Closed)

**Adjourn:** With no further business, Croatt declared the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

*Amy Bacigalupo*

Approved

*December 9, 2021*

Date

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DC Report

Farm Program Update –

We are struggling to get some CSP renewal applications ranked by deadline of tomorrow, and it does not look like we will make it. Lot of training info on how to do it just came in the last week. The ones we have done do not look very promising for getting funded. We are also supposed to be making CSP payments at this time, which will have to be the next big item to work on. EQIP – We have a signup deadline of November 19 for consideration for 2022 EQIP. I put a blurb in the papers and some newsletters that went out, but have had very little or no interest so far. If someone was interested there may be a better chance for funding this next year than there has been for a while, because of some backlog applications now off the books.

CRP – The continuous CRP signup is now going if people are interested.

1026's – We got an update from the Wetland Team saying they are very current on wetland determinations now, and are looking at about a 3 week turn around on getting responses out for certified determinations.

Administrative Items – Federal staff are facing a vaccination deadline or potentially being terminated of November 9, or have a request for accommodation in.

Upcoming Items – I am counting down to retirement at the end of December, if I can make it that far.