



Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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Minutes
May 9, 2024

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Rosemary Weber, Daryl Schutte, and Danny Larson, and Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, and Jake Monnens. No NRCS Staff present. No Pheasants Forever Staff present. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Agenda:

After adding SWMACDE Area 5 meeting on June 14, 2024 to Calendar of Events, Larson made a motion to approve the Agenda as printed. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Croatt made motion to approve the Minutes from the April 11, 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. Bacigalupo made a motion to approve for payment April checks (none) from the United Prairie account and checks #13430-13436, 13444 from the Old National account. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program:
 - *None*
- Water Plan:
 - Croatt made a motion to approve well sealing application WS 2024-03 in Manfred Township as presented. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Yellow Medicine District Manager, Tyler Knutson, took a position with BWSR, it is unknown what the plan is of the YM SWCD Board.
- Area 5 SWMACDE June 14th Meeting & Tours, attend if you can, will be going over work load future and study.
- Ducks Unlimited stopped into SWCD office and spoke on Climate Smart Money options for us to offer to land owners.

Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report
 - Shicker reported nothing new for cost share interest in projects; MS4 Front system is ready and training is to come.
- Supervisor Report:
 - *None*

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- Agency Reports:
 - NRCS: CRP is closed, No new CSP/EQIP
 - Pheasants Forever: Chau is at Burn Training; she is working on CRP plans & Habitat enhancements.
 - BWSR: Luke Olson, BC stopped in after Watershed meeting. Enhancement at Stonehill park possible, sends updates often, continued good communication.
- Technical Report
 - Peterson/Monnens reported they have been in the field some, still too wet for most, been able to do fabric immediately after trees, tractors are working good, did complete 80ac Manfred Honeybee seeding, tree stock arrived, 42 customers picked up to self-plant, assisted Prairie Eco Links with planting trees around town for their grant, and helped with carious Earth Week activities.
 - Peterson provided TSA Staffing information handout.
- Admin Report
 - Schicker reported that Grace Lutheran of Dawson wants to do a Pollinator Garden, SWCD will assist, Boyd project is wrapping up with a June 27th Celebration for the community, Environmental Fair has 1440 kids signed up.
 - MaCroatt reported on Earth week events held, need to schedule Ditch cleanup, sent out 130 donation requests for the Environmental Fair in Marietta, Bellingham, Madison Dawson and Boyd, will be attending MACDE Managers Meeting May 29 & 30 with Schicker, Private Well grant that was applied for was not accepted, Native Plant sale sold 46 orders totaling 73 kits.

Old Business:

- Policy Adoption
 - *None*

New Business:

- SWCD Office/Lease Options – Discussion on options, met with Jake Sieg, County Administrator, regarding availability of offices in Annex upon completion of new building and various offices moving and creating openings, guarantee of available space, how to manage separate from NRCS, communication with Paul E. Moriarty Living Trust office Manager, Darla Vig, SWCD will not accept 4 year commitment without a vacant clause.

Personnel:

- AIS Technician Interview being held today



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Calendar of Events:

May 27	Memorial Day (Office Closed)
June 13	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
June 14	SWMACDE Area 5 Meeting
June 19	Juneteenth (Office Closed)
July 4	Independence Day (Office Closed)
July 11	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
August	YM 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting
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 9:40 a.m.

Daryl Schutte

July 11, 20204

Approved

Date

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