



# Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District

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## Minutes

September 12, 2024

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present in person: Mike Croatt, Rosemary Weber, Daryl Schutte, Danny Larson, and Amy Bacigalupo. SWCD Staff present: Rhyan Schicker, Quintin Peterson, Maria Croatt, and Noah Swart. Absent: Jake Monnens. NRCS Staff none present. Pheasants Forever Staff none present. BWSR staff present: Luke Olson. Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m.

### Agenda:

After a correction of 8.) a. ii. to CC#2024-02, Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the Agenda. Croatt seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### Minutes:

After a correction of the date under Agency Reports: BWSR: to 8/7/24, Bacigalupo made motion to approve the Minutes from the August 8, 2024, 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 August checks #8076-8078 from the United Prairie account and checks #13476-13484 from the Old National account. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

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

### State Cost Share Programs Contracts & Payments:

- State Cost-Share Program:
  - CC# 2024-01 was presented and discussed.
    - Croatt made a motion to approve contract 2024-01. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
  - CC# 2024-02 was presented and discussed.
  - SCS# 2024-03 was presented and discussed.
    - Croatt made a motion to approve contracts 2024-02 & 2024-03. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried
- Water Plan:
  - WS #2024-08 and WS #2024-09 were presented. Bacigalupo made motion to approve 2024-08 and 2024-09. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

### Correspondence:

- Schicker reported that the SWMACD State Annual Convention will be held December 2-4<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The Millers (Conservationist of the Year for LQP) have been invited.
- Additional payment requested for payment to Mike Croatt for use of his tractor. Larson made a motion to approve \$360.00 payment. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. Croatt refrained from the vote. All others in favor, motion carried.

A conflict of interest, whether actual, potential or perceived, occurs when someone in a position of trust has competing professional or personal interests, and these competing interests make it difficult to fulfill professional duties impartially. Supervisors are asked to declare conflicts of interest they may have regarding today's business. Any member who declares a conflict of interest must not vote on that agenda item.

## Reports:

- LqPYB 1W1P Report
  - Schicker reported that all non-structural funds have been spent. Updated on plan for next round of funding. Discussion on moving funds and if it is possible with rules. Next meeting is October 9, 2024.
- Supervisor Report:
  - Croatt reported on attending TSA meeting 9/9/24, Houston Engineering report to come at next meeting, 2yr contract approved for training with Dawn Madison, New drone arrived, Approved purchasing 2 new computers, Purchasing pickup discussed, Approved switching Health Insurance after dissatisfaction, Soil Health Mentor program up and running, 172 projects being worked on, 5 LqP projects awaiting approval, TSA services will be of no cost to SWCD for 2025.
- Agency Reports:
  - NRCS: *None*
  - Pheasants Forever: *None*
  - BWSR: Olson reported on grant opportunities, gave update on Watershed Based Implementation, Accelerated grant and gave Congratulations on being awarded the Pollinator Pathways for City of Dawson. He plans to review contracts with staff in October, but no concerns, will help with work plans and goals, and discuss and work through MS4Front.
- Technical Report
  - Peterson reported on meeting with Dawn Madison to go over JAA; Peterson, Monnens and Swart have plans for obtaining different JAA certifications. 1W1P funds exhausted, but with good influence on other landowners, five local producers applied for the Dept of Ag Equipment grant, assisted a few with recommendation letters. Attended Soil Health Mentor meeting at Hilltop with 15 producers, plan to have another after harvest. Attended TSA meeting with Croatt.
  - Swart reported on JAA training he is interested in, will attend Soil training in Pipestone, held Starry Trek which went well, no new AIS in MN, working on other AIS observations, creating a Geocache that is AIS themed, tuned up the little seeder and calibrated.
- Admin Report
  - Schicker reported on Fall Native Plant sale, gave details on Pollinator Pathways for City of Dawson, JAA detail, One-on-Ones planned for office staff, also attended Soil Health Mentor meeting with positive feedback, plan to have three booths at upcoming LqP County Fair.
  - Peterson noted that Nathan Buer is being added as a third Soil Health mentor.
  - MaCroatt reported on United Prairie setting up Shadow account to comply with Auditor's request for insured funds, hosting the Veggie Races at the upcoming LqP County Fair, involvement in Chamber committees with Yard of the Month and Ambassador program, Environmental Fair coming up September 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>, and gave update on absence of temporary employee.
  - Discussion on Fundraising letter for a Plastic Baler received from Paige Bergeland at Madison Mercantile. Croatt made a motion to approve \$200 contribution to the project. Schutte seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## Old Business:

- Tree Building Damage – Discussion on whether to repair or not, held to Spring 2025.
- Vehicle Hail Damage - discussion on repairing pickup trucks from hail damage, reviewed estimates. Schutte made motion to approve repair on both. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## New Business:

- Trailer Damage Report – Discussion on adjuster's report of 20ft enclosed trailer hail damage. Hold decision until repair estimate is received from Advantage RV.
- United Prairie FDIC Fund Account – Discussed in Admin report.



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**Personnel:** *None*

**Calendar of Events:**

September 12	Regular SWCD Board Meeting
September 19	Area 5 SWMACD 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 10:04 a.m.

*Dan Larson*

*October 10, 2024*

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Approved

Date

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District is an equal opportunity service provider and employer.