



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 September 9, 2021

The Lac qui Parle Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors met on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at the Annex, County Multi-Media Room. Board Supervisors present: Rosemary Weber, Dan Larson, and Amy Bacigalupo via Zoom. Absent: Mike Croatt and Daryl Schutte. SWCD Staff present: Chessa Frahm, Sheri Laechelt, Rhyan Schicker and Quintin Peterson. NRCS Staff absent: Burt Hendrickson. Vice Chairman Weber welcomed everyone, and called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Agenda:

Bacigalupo made a motion to approve the Agenda. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Larson made a motion to approve the Minutes from the August, 2021 board meeting. Bacigalupo 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 August check #7938 from the United Prairie account. August checks, #13022 through #13035 from the Old National account. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Larson made a motion to approve the August 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: *None*

Correspondence:

- MCIT 2019-20 biennial report.
- City of Dawson Wellhead Protection Plan letter.

Reports:

- Supervisor Report: Bacigalupo reported on the 1W1P meeting where they reviewed the contract with Houston Engineering and the upcoming public kick-off.
- Partner Agencies:
 - NRCS: To view Hendrickson's report, *see attachment at end of minutes.*
- Technical Report: Peterson reported on:
 - Peterson & Schicker demonstrated the Rainfall Simulator at a Kernza Field day with about 160 in attendance, and also at the MN Soil Health Coalition Field day where about 30 people attended.
 - Continuing to work on the Florida Creek Project.
 - Developing tree plans for next spring.
 - Requests for drill seeding is down so this will allow more time for tree plantings.

- Schicker Reported:
 - Did 3 alfalfa ditch bank seedings for the Watershed District.
 - Continuing with legal paperwork on 2 CREP Easements, getting closer to the recording process.
 - Annual Easement site checks are being worked on.
 - Attended a field day in Rock County.
 - Submitted and received a Conservation Champions grant through the Wildlife Federation that will focus on educating producers on soil health, cover crops, etc. with a goal to reach at least 250 farmers.
 - Will be doing an AIS presentation to area students during the Fair Friday morning.
 - We will have a booth at the fair in the Wildlife Building and will be doing 3 presentations on Thursday and Friday. They will be on MN Mussels, Trees, and the Rainfall Simulator.
- Admin Report:
 - Reported on 1W1P Policy Committee
 - Ads will be run in newspapers and flyers sent out for the 1W1P public kick-off event scheduled for September 21 at the Dawson Public Library.
 - Met with the County Commissioners and presented the 2022 proposed budget.
 - Attended the NCDEA meeting in Memphis and worked on the JAA process for technicians and the Local Workgroup for farmers.
 - Attended the TSA meeting via zoom.

Old Business: *None*

New Business:

- Excess Equipment Sale: Bacigalupo made a motion to sell the box scraper on govdeals.com as it no longer is being used. Larson seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- NACD Annual Meeting: Larson made a motion approving Frahm and Peterson to attend the NACD Annual Convention in Orlando, February 11-14. Registration is \$500/person. Money is set aside in the Capacity Grant for these types of educational activities. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- FY2022 and 2023 State Cost-Share: Larson made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 CS Work Plan allocating 40% for T/A instead of the usual 20% to assist NRCS with EQIP Applications. Bacigalupo seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Personnel: *None*

Calendar of Events:

September 21	1W1P Public Kick-off event, Dawson Public Library 6:30 pm
October 11	Columbus Day (Office Closed)
October 27	Lac qui Parle Policy Committee 1:00 pm
November 4	Rescheduled SWCD Board Meeting (October and November combined) 10:00 am
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, Weber declared the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Danny Larson

Approved

11-4-21

Date

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DC Report
September 9, 2021
Burton Hendrickson

Farm Program Update –

CSP/EQIP – We are supposed to start trying to work on some CSP renewals which it looks like we will have around 10 to assess. We are limited to just getting some preliminary field stuff inputted into Conservation Desktop until after October 1, when some changes will be installed for the overall assessment tool. Ryan Riebel has been trying to do some of this field data input for us. Have a few EQIP cover crop and honey bee payments to try and get processed also.

CRP/CCRP – We are wrapping up getting all needed signatures and plans done for the general CRP (5 of 13 applicants funded), and the continuous CRP. One more signature to get on some of our stuff by Friday the 10th. We developed/planned/got signed about 58 CCRP plans for the year. There may be some grassland CRP items to do yet, but we have not heard if any got accepted yet. We signed CRP modifications of one sort or another to have haying (emergency or non-emergency) on 68 different contracts since late July.

Administrative Items –

Fiscal Year End – The federal fiscal year comes to an end September 30, and we start the cycle all over again. We need to actually get some progress reported as applied in the next couple weeks. This has been pretty much ignored until the last couple days, and now people are getting a little excited.

Brief but something. If you have any questions please let Chessa or Sheri know so they can get them to me, and I will try to answer. Have to get to Ortonville this morning.