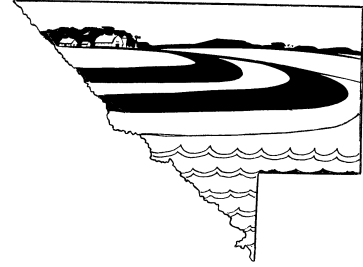


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting April 1, 2019

Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Steve Sunderland at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Michelle Overholser, Calin Eisenlohr, Steve Sunderland, Jeff Johnson, Steve Jacobson
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Zach Bothun, Desirae Jarett, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson
2. M/S/P Overholser, Jacobson approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Jacobson approve the March minutes.
4. The Treasurer gave the **Treasurer's report** and the supervisors placed it on file subject to audit and authorized payment of the bills as presented.
5. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: CSP payments and mods finished up; 1026's; FAC meeting March 12; O52's (environmental review of EQIP application); presented at annual township meeting in Maynard on March 18; practice reminder letters out for practices scheduled in 2019; beginning farmers invite/meeting on April 5th with Liz on USDA services—as part of the meeting she has put together a power point of information for beginning farmers and NRCS programs; in final stages of a wetland restoration for Dave Arneson through CRP; will be going to DC next week for MASWCD trip; attended area meeting in Marshall on March 25th; 5 EQIP projects moving to preapproval; attended tech note training in Marshall on March 28th; getting contract documents ready. Shantel also noted that April 19th is the next cut off for EQIP applications.
6. **New Business:**
 - Zach Bothun discussed the Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (BWSR Area 53 CWMP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
 - M/S/P Overholser, Jacobson approve the MOA as presented.
 - Desirae discussed supervisor expenses reports. She is requesting that supervisors fill them out and return them at the end of each quarter for reimbursement and payment on per diems.
 - M/S/P Eisenlohr, Johnson approve supervisor expense report forms with the understanding that it is the supervisor's responsibility to complete and turn this form in to the SWCD at the end of each quarter.
 - Tom W. discussed the solar vegetation research project.
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Overholser approve to send a letter of support to LCCMR.
 - Tom W. discussed the Minnesota Dept. of Ag's request to have the SWCD do some surface water pesticide monitoring.
 - M/S/P Overholser, Johnson approve to have SWCD staff do surface water monitoring at Dry Weather Creek for 2019.
 - Desirae discussed the clothing order and requested board members to get their order form filled out.

Tom W.'s Report:

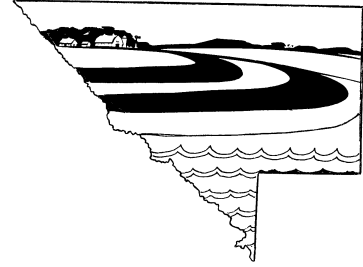
- Tom's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended several meetings Hawk Creek Middle MN Steering Committee Meetings in Willmar, Hawk Creek Middle MN policy

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committee meeting in Clara City, Chippewa County Water Plan Meeting March 25; completed 2014 DRAP Phase 2 BWSR grant reconciliation with Jeremy Maul and Julie Krebs; took more tree orders and ordered more trees; arranged a small order tree pick up day for April 25; wrote up conservation plan for Fagen Farm easement exchange, got plan signed, sent to BWSR, easement exchange has been completed; filled out PIRF forms for several landowners to change conservation practice areas; worked with title agent in getting a title commitment and final title policy for two separate MN CREP easements; filled out engineering assistance request forms and sent to WCTSA for assistance on projects; sent in list of projects and priority sites to the WCTSA engineer; worked on tile drain requests.

Zach's Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended Legislative Days at the Capitol with Steve, Michelle, and Desirae—met with Rep. Miller and Sen. Lang and discussed funding issues, ideas, etc.; attended and co-led 1W1P meetings—have been busy working on meeting agendas/minutes, MOA, and many other pre-planning documents for the steering team and policy committee; seed sales & seeding proposals finalized for spring; tree plans and estimates and some site visits to determine the amount of replacement trees needed; request to plant trees near Pope/Stearns County line, forwarded to Kelly Erickson of Pope SWCD; and had many buffer discussions with landowners.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended CREP training in Marshall; helped sort & mail annual reports; handled buffer cost share cancellations and new contracts; Dale P. CREP sent in to state; worked on Gary R. CREP conservation plan; read observation well; mailed out public ditch letters; answered phones; worked on mapping; made conservation plan for Fagen site.

Next Meeting: May 6, 2019 at 3 p.m., Chippewa Room, Chippewa County Courthouse