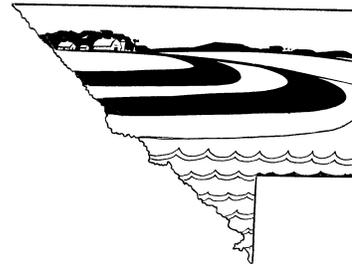


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting June 6, 2016

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

- Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Calin Eisenlohr at 3 p.m.
- Members **present**: Schuler, Eisenlohr, Roelofs, Kittelson
- Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez, Matt Gilbertson

- M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve the agenda/with additions.
- M/S/P Kittelson, Schuler approve the May minutes.

- 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.

Old Business:

- Desirae noted that the WCMASWCD Area II meeting will be held at Minnewaska House on June 22. Tom will be attending.
- Board discussed conservationist of the year.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson move to award Mike Andresen as conservationist of the year.
- Staff and board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2017 budget.
 - M/S/P Kittelson, Schuler move to approve the proposed 2017 budget as a working document.

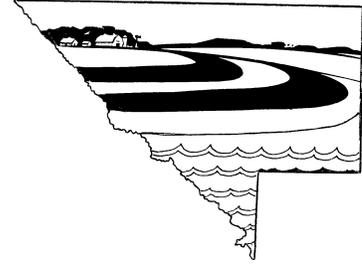
New Business:

- Desirae discussed the BWSR Leadership forum to be held at various locations throughout the summer.
- Desirae informed the board of the Stearns SWCD "Proper Timing of Fall-Applied Nitrogen Fertilizer" resolution.
- Tom discussed cost share voucher for S. Norman.
 - M/S/P Kittelson, Schuler approve to pay S. Norman \$477.75 which is equivalent to 5% of the total project cost.
- Zach discussed our application for FTE Farmbill for 2016-2017 per recommendation of Jason Beckler, BC. It was discussed that a new employee would be hired to fill this position. We discussed the need for space in the office and our thoughts on cubicle style workspaces. Staff is having NBP draw up plans for the space. Also discussed was computer/server/phone

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hookup. NRCS and the SWCDs currently have a committee working on a solution for this state wide issue. Also discussed was signing authority for the FTE Farmbill position.

- M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve to give Tom signing authority on the FTE Farmbill position.

Tom reported:

- Tom reported that all trees are planted and invoices are being billed out.
- Tom reported that the D. Enevoldsen erosion site is completed through DRAP, will have paperwork ready for payment at next board meeting.
- Tom noted that Phase 3 DRAP has 2 applications, one might get funded while the other one did not.
- Tom noted that he has a TEP meeting on ag bank application. Also, he has 2 new ag bank applications to be reviewed.
- Tom reported that the S. Norman waterway is completed.
- Tom reported that he is working on paperwork for Monson easement.
- Tom noted that they received a list of RIM site investigations that need to be completed.
- Tom noted that 5th grade field days went well. There were approx. 260 students in attendance.
- Tom reported that the 2016 Ford F250 has been picked up.
- Tom noted that the decals have been put on the trucks.

Zach Reported:

- Zach reported that he has been busy with RIM Easement work and drilling seed.

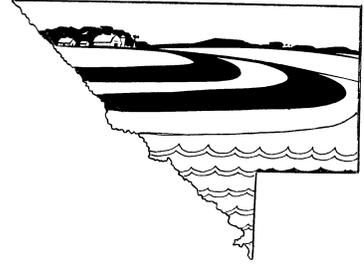
Shantel's Report:

- Shantel reported that she has 3/23 CSP applications that are preapproved.
- Shantel noted that Shakopee structure is past O&M, will no longer be doing them.
- Shantel noted that they are doing 200+ CRP plans this year. They have also been working on site visits.
- Shantel noted that women's field day invites have been sent. She has lined up Gordy Molenaar to speak at women's field day as well as a short video for on the bus.
- Shantel noted that she has soil health training June 14-16 in St. Paul.
- Shantel gave updates on EQIP projects.
 - Tree planting-done
 - Grass waterway-doing checkout/design/seeding
 - Dam rehab-structure to be signed off on tomorrow
 - Grazing/fence-done
 - Lined channel-starting next week
- Shantel noted that Mark Kulig will attend July 11th meeting to discuss Farmbill computer seat, lease space, inkkind, and expectations.

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- Shantel noted 2017 EQIP cutoff will be in August. There are already several sites with structures.

OTHER:

Desirae noted important meeting dates as follows:

- WCMASWCD Area II Meeting
 - June 22, 2016 9:00 a.m. Minnewaska House
- Women's Field Day
 - June 16, 2016 5:15 p.m. Meadow Star Dairy Tour
- Buffer Meeting
 - June 14 10-2 p.m. AmericInn, Marshall
- BWSR Leadership Forum
 - July 13 8:30-11:30 Marshall

Next Meeting: August 1, 2016 3:00 p.m. Chippewa Room, Courthouse