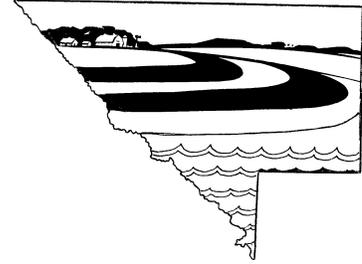


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting December 12, 2016

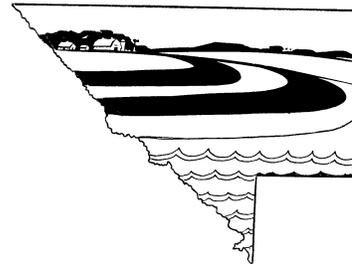
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Vice Chairman Scott Roelofs at 9 a.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Roelofs, Sunderland, Kittelson
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski, Mike Timmerman; County Commissioner: Jeff Lopez; Conservationist: Mike Andresen; Legislators: Representative Tim Miller, Senator Elect Andrew Lang
2. M/S/P Sunderland, Kittelson approve the agenda/with additions.
3. Representative Miller discussed some current happenings with the House and gave an outlook on his goals as a representative. He noted that there was a possible special session on December 20. He noted that health care is his primary concern then budgets as well as the Appleton prison, veteran's home in Montevideo, and golf course at Fort Ridgely.
4. Senator Elect Andrew Lang introduced himself and gave some background. He will take office in January and has had a few caucus meetings, he resides in Olivia, is in the military, and works for Renville County managing 7 parks over 1500 acres. The board and staff handed out a pamphlet about the SWCD and highlighted some of the things we are working on and working towards in the coming years. We stressed how important funding and legislative support is to the work we do.
5. Vice Chairman Steve Roelofs presented Chippewa SWCD's 2016 Conservationist of the Year. The staff noted some of his accomplishments. He accepted his award and discussed more of his conservation practices and future goals.
6. M/S/P Kittelson, Schuler approve the November minutes.
7. 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.
8. **New Business:**
 - Desirae informed the board that the Envirothon is asking for a \$150 contribution from the SWCD.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approved to contribute \$150 to the Envirothon.
 - Tom discussed the "other waters" in reference to the buffer law. These waters will need to be defined by the SWCD board and implemented into the County Water Plan.
 - Tom discussed cost share contract payment for Gary Jordahl, contract 14-8 earthen embankment, Tunsberg 2. Total cost of the project was \$4483.52 and cost share payment amount is \$3362.64.

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- M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve to pay \$3362.64 to Gary Jordahl for earthen embankment project.
- Tom discussed a return of cost share funds for 2015 cost share monies. \$107.20 was unspent and needs to be returned to BWSR.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Kittelson approve to return \$107.20 to BWSR.
- SWCD staff discussed the annual convention and some of the things they learned while there.
- Tom discussed the buffer grant agreement for \$30,000.
 - Sunderland, Schuler move to accept the buffer grant of \$30,000 and approve for Tom to sign for it.
- Staff and supervisors discussed some buffer updates. APO that is being discussed is that effective 1 year after you're served a violation there will be a \$100 per parcel per month fine for 6 months then \$500 per parcel per month for the next 6 months. SWCD's will be the administrators of the law and the county will be the regulators. New maps are to be out from DNR by early 2017.

Tom W. reported:

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: closing out 2014 and 2015 cost share, sent out letters to landowners on public waters that aren't compliant, talked with landowners who stopped in about the buffer law, ordered about 4000 trees so far for 2017 spring planting season, worked with land owners on tree plans utilizing CRP and EQIP, received BWSR wetland bank comments on wetland bank site, had TEP meeting on site at the Clara City School site to go over wetland delineation boundary with the wetland delineator, wrote up WCA Notice of Application and WCA Notice of Decision on the Clara City School site and sent them out, worked on tile drain requests, read DNR obwells, got new computers set up and running, got new phones set up and running.

Zach Reported:

- Zach discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: seeded wetland bank site in LQP county and seeded gun range (all others were too wet), worked on capacity grant reporting, worked in Buffcat doing buffer inventory and compliance letters for protected waters, made landowner contact about CRP, RIM/CREP, native prairie programs, worked on seed/seeding proposals, worked on alearn modules for training for CRP planning, Hollis Weber wellhead protection easement is ready for signature & recording, worked on buffer map changes and corrections with Josh M., picked up 120 fabric rolls in Morris, and attended state convention with conservationist of the year.

Tom S. Report:

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: mailed out letters on protected waters, attended state convention, created a handout about our SWCD for legislators, seeded Richards bank site, seeded the gun range, picked up 120 rolls of fabric in Morris, worked on the buffer list.

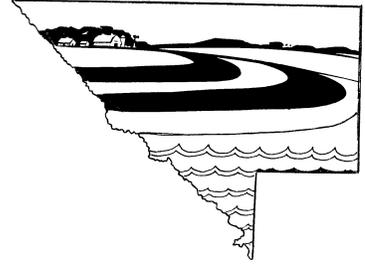
Shantel's Report:

- Shantel covered MOU, Civil Rights for partners, civil rights statements, and justice for all poster.

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- Shantel reported her monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: worked on 1026s, worked on CSP payments and record checks, EQIP final plans, and estimates, attended work force planning, sent CSP article to paper, WRP compatible use, ECS spot check uploads, noted that Mark Kulig is covering area 1 and are 2, helped with programming on SWCD computers, noted CRP shortage, discussed operation agreement, noted that Ardis Eckhoff and Schow Brothers projects are moving forward.

OTHER:

Desirae noted important meeting dates as follows:

Next Meeting: January 9th 3:00 p.m., Chippewa Room, Courthouse basement