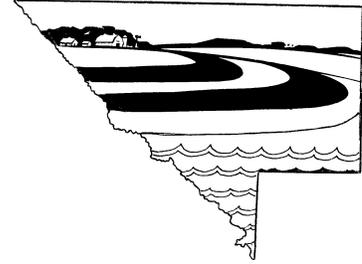


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting May 2, 2016

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, Sunderland

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioner: Jeff Lopez; BWSR: Jason Beckler

M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve the agenda/with additions.

M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland approve the April 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:

- UMNWD Contribution Agreement
 - Jason Beckler explained what the UMNWD Contribution Agreement is and what the role of the Chippewa SWCD would be.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland approve the UMNWD Contribution Agreement.

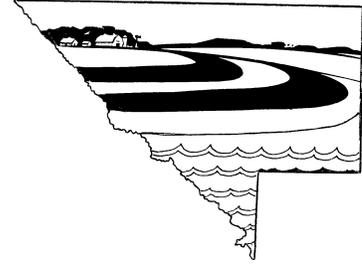
New Business:

- Desirae discussed WCMASWCD Area II Meeting to be held June 22 at 9 a.m. at Minnewaska House. Registration due June 15.
- Desirae discussed the upcoming elections and noted that District 3 & 5 are up for election. Filing dates are May 17, 2016 to May 31, 2016
- Desirae discussed 5th grade field days which are to be held May 18 & 20th.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve to pay bus assistance for those schools that request it.
- Desirae discussed conservationist of the year. Asked board to begin thinking about conservationist's as we would like to choose one this year.
- Desirae noted the Call for Resolutions. Resolutions are due to the MASWCD office by July 21.
- Desirae discussed MCIT insurance equipment coverage. Board would like seed drill insured.
- Desirae presented a rough draft of the 2017 Budget. Will continue discussion next meeting.
- Desirae discussed this year's Administrative Training Session to be held in Bemidji June 22-23.
 - Sunderland, Roelofs approve Desirae to attend administrative training session, all expenses to be covered.

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Tom reported:

- Tom discussed E. Sachariason cost share voucher.
 - Roelofs, Sunderland approve cost share voucher payment in the amount of \$947.
- Tom discussed the easement implementation amendment.
 - Sunderland, Roelofs approve easement implementation amendment.
- Tom noted that trees arrived on April 6th.
 - 27 sites to plant
 - 11 sites are done
 - 6 sites are lined up for May 2-6
 - 30 more rolls of fabric were bought from Swift SWCD to complete our jobs
- Tom noted that he has filled out a state cost share voucher practice certification form for Richard Unger's RIM structure.
- Tom has been working with 2 landowners about a drainage agreement into & out of a CREP site.
- Tom has been working on WCA tile drain requests and also worked with G. Sonstegard on his Ag Bank application.
- Tom has been out looking at erosion site with Mike, NRCS. Went over construction plans with contractor on D. Enevoldsen site.
- Tom has been out surveying sites with Luke, WCTSA and had contractor/landowner meeting, overseeing installation of tile & construction of 638 structure of Enevoldsen's. Norman's water way is completed.
- Tom noted many landowners have been in with questions on buffers. Preliminary map from DNR has been released.
- Tom has filled out and done site visits for tax forfeited properties for Chippewa County.
- Tom has been rototilling at several places.
- Tom read the DNR observation wells.

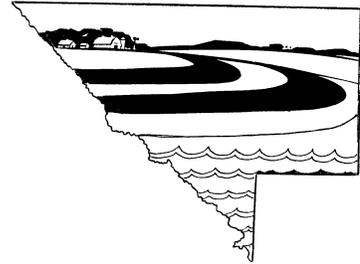
Zach Reported:

- Zach discussed the WIA Joint Powers Agreement.
 - Sunderland, Roelofs approve the WIA Joint Powers Agreement.
- Zach discussed the One Watershed One Plan resolution for Chippewa River Watershed Project. Kylene joined us briefly to answer a few questions and explain a few things.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve to sign Chippewa River Watershed Project's resolution for 1W1P.
- Zach noted that equipment is ready and they have been busy with tree planting, seed, seeding proposals and seed orders.
- Zach noted that he has been working on the BBR.
- Zach has been assisting with landowner phone calls & walk ins. Several for CRP/RIM, food plots, etc.
- Zach has been working on easements for Monson, Lee & Weber.
- Zach attended a 1W1P meeting in Glenwood.
- Zach noted that seed delivery is Wednesday, May 11th.

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Shantel's Report:

- Shantel noted that she is covering the Swift office until May 27th.
- Shantel has been getting signatures for EQIP.
- Shantel flagged wetlands.
- Shantel has done several CSP interviews.
- Shantel attended the MASWCD area II meeting in Foley on 4/13/2016.
- Shantel did a tree site visit, processing for payment now.
- Shantel has been loading CMT interviews into the tool.
- Shantel has been working on approx. 200 CRP plans.
- Shantel has a grassed waterway project that is completed, turned in receipts to SWCD.

OTHER:

Next Meeting: June 6, 2016 3:00 p.m. Chippewa Room, Courthouse