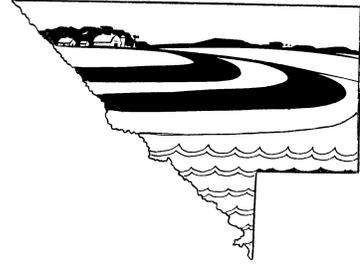


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## Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting April 4, 2016

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, Kittelson, Eisenlohr, Roelofs, Sunderland

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson

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

M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve the March 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.

### ***Staff reports***

#### **Desirae reported:**

- Desirae informed the board that no audit is needed this year per Bill Eisele.
- Desirae and Shantel discussed the potential idea for women's field day. Board advised us to continue with idea although planning committee was divided.

#### **Tom reported:**

- Tom discussed the 3 different Ranger quotes as requested by the board.
  - M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve to purchase a 2016 Polaris Ranger 570 from Motorsports of Willmar.
- Tom discussed the UMNWD Contribution Agreement. The board would like more information before they make a decision.
- Tom discussed his monthly activities.

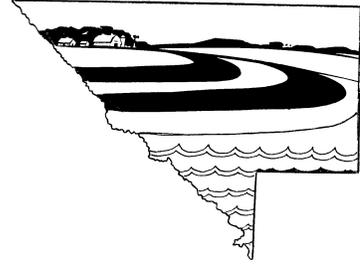
#### **Zach Reported:**

- Zach noted that the Kraay tree removal project is completed. It totaled about 100 acres.
- Zach noted that the pickup has been ordered.
- Zach has been working on CRP & Buffer Proposals as well as seed & seeding proposals.
- Zach and Tom picked up 50 rolls of fabric in Morris. More will be needed for this planting season.
- Zach sent in a DRAP RIM Easement Application.
- Zach has been making contact with landowners for state cost share projects.
- Zach noted that there has been quite a few landowners in about buffers.
- Zach has been working on tree plans and estimates.

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- Zach noted that the Monson RIM easement is in final stages.
- Zach informed the board that a 6.5' disc harrow was purchased.
- Zach attended a MN River Valley Local Technical Team meeting.
- Zach noted that Desirae, Steve S., and he attended legislative days on March 21 & 22.
- Zach informed the board that he has send in a WHPA RIM Easement for H. Weber.
- Zach and Tom have been handling landowner walk-ins & questions for RIM, CRP, buffers, seeding, tree, etc., working on last minute tree plans, and preparing equipment for field season.
- Zach has been working on the 2017-2018 BBR.

### Shantel's Report:

- Shantel is starting cultural resource reviews for next year's projects.
- Shantel noted that she attended the annual township meeting on 3/14. She brought annual reports and gave a powerpoint presentation on past projects.
- Shantel & Mike have been busy with CRP planning-trees/buffers.
- Shantel has been flagging wetland boundaries for landowners.
- Shantel advised the board that she has set a local work group meeting for May 2 at 2 p.m., prior to the board meeting.
- Shantel noted that she has 9 high priority EQIP contracts and 1 medium priority.
- She also has 9 new CSP contracts and 13 rolling over from last year.

### OTHER:

***Next Meeting: May 2, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m., Chippewa Room, Courthouse  
\*\*\*Local Work Group Meeting @ 2:00 p.m . prior to the board  
meeting.\*\*\****