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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting July 1, 2013

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

Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Larry Kittelson at 3:30.

Members **present**: Schuler, Eisenlohr, Sunderland, Kittelson, Member **absent**: Roelofs,
Others **present**: SWCD staff: Jean Diggins, Zach Bothun; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski;
Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson, County Commissioner.

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

M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler **approve the June meeting 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

Jean Diggins reported:

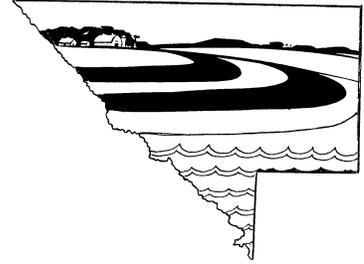
- Reported on the Area II meeting held on June 6th in Willmar.
- Presented information on the Governance-101 conference.
- Reported on this year's fair booth theme and the dates of the fair.
- Presented the 2014 budget to the Board for approval
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler to approve the budget for County approval.
- Informed the supervisors that our poster contest winner (Annie Dykema) won at on the Area Level.
- M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr to approve the WIA amended contract date.
- M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler to nominate "in Memory of Steve Nokleby" as this year's Conservationist of the Year. The Board requested Diggins go to County Board and seek approval to install a bench by the rain garden in memory of Steve. Nokleby served on the Board from 2001-2013. He resigned in 2013 due to his health conditions and passed away in March 2013.
- Diggins presented the FARMBILL grant request for a FULL time funding instead of our earlier proposal for half time.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler to name Zach Bothun as the SWCD's full time FARMBILL tech.

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- M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler to follow the recommendation of the personnel committee and offer Desirae Sharp a full time position as the SWCD Administration Assistant position as of August 12th with a starting wage of \$14/hour.

Zach's report:

- Zach reported on the remaining tree planting sites, the RIM agreements, native prairie easements.

Shantel:

- Gave her monthly activity report.
- She presented some thank-you's we received from our Women's Field days that was held on June 20th. She reported on the details of the event that was held. Approximately 40 women were in attendance, Chris Doeimer gave an excellent presentation on the dam removal in both Montevideo and Granite Falls.

Next Meeting: *August 5th 3:30 p.m. Courthouse Montevideo MN*