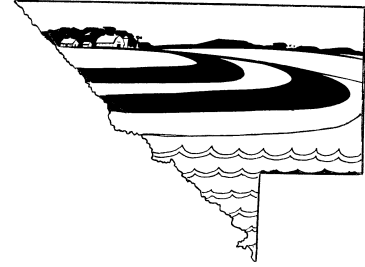


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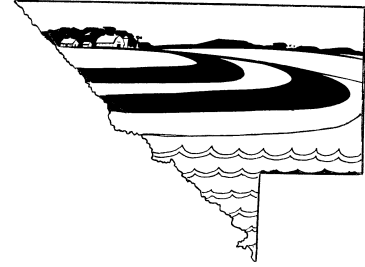
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Board Chair Steve Jacobson at 3:00 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Steve Jacobson, Jerry Schwitters, Michelle Overholser
2. Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Jarett, Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioner: Matt Gilbertson
3. M/S/P Overholser, Schwitters approve the agenda with additions. All in favor.
4. M/S/P Schwitters, Overholser approve the January meeting minutes. All in favor.
5. Bills were presented for ratification & payment.
6. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: finished CRP seed tag checks from fall; finished CSP mods/payments for FY2021; paid out EQIP fall construction for both Chippewa & LQP; worked on annual report articles and photos; and currently working on FY22 EQIP applications. Shantel also noted that NRCS has several construction projects to finished from 2021 contracts; the NRCS phone system is all set up with auto-routing for calls; Liz Ludwig, FSA CED, had her last day on January 14th; and NRCS will be re-running DC position openings soon.
7. **Staff Reports**-
 - **District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: filled out 2021 WCA Annual Report and submitted to BWSR; looked over report for proposed expansion of CCM Health north parking lot; worked on tile drain requests; attended team meeting with Lynda, BWSR, and Megan, DNR, about calcareous fen boundary on the Riley Solar Garden site; had Riley consultant/delineator revise wetland boundary map to include calcareous fen; wrote up WCA Notice of Decision for Riley Solar Garden site for wetland boundary confirmation; read over permit application from the Army Corps; wrote WCA Notice of Decision for JD 18 repair for exemption, no-loss; worked with landowners on tree plans, tree order and ordered more trees; got copies of the approved cost share voucher to Halvorson and Thompson along with their payments; working on conservation tour route/sites for supervisors and commissioners this spring; worked on BWSR erosion indicators training on BWSR website; and talked with a couple landowners about CRP/CREP.
 - **Technical Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: tree plans and estimates; Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota 1W1P: steering team meetings; JPA, scoring and ranking tool, cost share policy, contract for services draft; updated documents for Kandiyohi County 1W1P website; BWSR board approved the HC-MM Comprehensive Watershed Management plan on January 26; JPA motion and HC-MM 1W1P Plan resolution to adopt plan prepared for member board action; Chippewa River Watershed Association: attended TAC meeting, was voted Vice Chair; attended Joint Powers Board meeting; and attended sub-committee meeting working on WRAPS public participation plan and 1W1P kickoff meetings; organizing and moving files on to the district sharepoint and set up ArcPro for

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usage in creating maps and plans; worked on annual report articles. Zach also noted that the seeding schedule for spring is filling up quickly.

- **District Technician:** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: tractor meeting with Kibble and Tom W.; new CREP application scoring; CREP update: Schuler is at final title policy and recording, Moon has been funded; RIM update: Mary picked vendor to tear out trees; 2 other RIM applications; worked on tree plans; worked on buffer verification letters; worked on setting up Arc Pro; and attended WIA webinar.

8. Old Business

- Desirae noted that all updates as discussed at the January 3rd board meeting have been completed. Updated versions of each policy have been uploaded to the district sharepoint. Supervisors signed updated supervisor handbook.

9. New Business

- Desirae gave a grant balance update as of 12/31/21.
- Desirae discussed the Pay Equity report. Board chair signed.
- Audit bids were discussed.
 - M/S/P Overholser, Schwitters approved to contract with Peterson & Company, LLC for our 2021 audit at the cost of \$3000. All in favor.
- Desirae discussed Legislative Days to be held in person March 9-10. Tom S. and Tom W. will be attending. Supervisors are to let her know by the end of the week if they plan to attend.
- Tom Warner discussed whether we had interest in a resolution from Area 2 to have manure storage/stacking slabs included as a component of a new production facility/barn, reducing demand on EQIP and other financial resources. Board discussed and no action was taken.
- Tom Warner discussed MAWQCP Contract and WIA Contract.
- Zach presented the resolution to adopt the Hawk Creek-Middle Minnesota (HC-MM) Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP).
 - M/S/P Overholser, Schwitters approve to adopt the HC-MM CWMP. All in favor.
- Zach presented the Joint Powers Agreement for the Central Minnesota River Watershed Partnership (CMRWP) for the implementation of the HC-MM CWMP.
 - M/S/P Schwitters, Overholser approve the joint powers agreement as discussed. See attachment. All in favor.

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 7, 2022 –Commissioner’s Room, Courthouse 3:00 P.M.

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