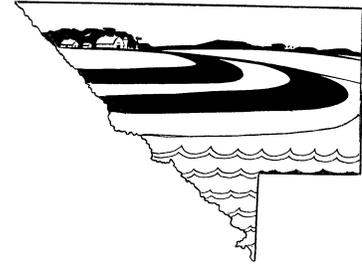


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting April 2, 2018

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

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Dawn Schuler at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Trager, Eisenlohr, Roelofs, Sunderland
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Sharp, Tom Warner, Zach Bothun; NRCS staff: Mike Timmerman; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez, Matt Gilbertson
2. M/S/P Sunderland, Trager approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Trager, Sunderland approve the March minutes.
4. 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.
5. **New Business**:
 - Desirae gave an update on the Grant Reconciliation for the 2016 Local Capacity Grant. Financial statement was signed by board chair.
 - Signing authority for District Manager as BWSR official and authorized signatory was discussed.
 - M/S/P Trager, Roelofs approve for District Manager to sign as BWSR official and authorized signer.
 - Desirae discussed the email from Mike Jorgenson regarding supervisors needed for a nominating committee for Area 2.
 - Desirae noted that Chippewa River Watershed Project will be holding a special meeting on April 12th regarding the appointment of an interim director, the future of CRWP, Personnel, and Supervisor/Board for 1W1P.
 - Desirae discussed the upcoming election registration periods and notified those who are up for re-election.
 - Buffer Cost Share contracts presented by Zach Bothun. Contracts were approved (M/S/P Trager, Roelofs) as follows:

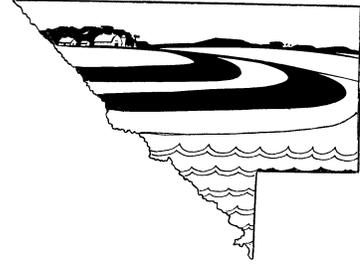
NAME	CONTRACT	LOCATION	ACRES	AMOUNT
CHUCK DEGROTE	18-7 BL	188-38-1, 1, 15	10	\$ 3,000.00
JOEL RUSCHEN	18-9 BL	118, 117-37-25, 26, 36, 10, 14	12.3	\$ 3,690.00
TOTAL			22.3	\$ 6,690.00

- Tom gave an update on the purchase of the pick up truck. Fleet deadline had passed. Will be waiting until July for a 2018 model. Price will increase by \$1017, trade in value will stay the same.

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- Tom discussed a quote from Motorsports of Willmar for a 2018 Polaris Sportsman 450. Quoted price is \$5236.50
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Roelofs approve to purchase ATV.

Tom W.'s Report:

- Tom reported his monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to:
WCA: working on tile drain requests, Jason Kirwin with Environmental Scientific contacted about Swenoda Dairy, reviewed Lateral to Branch 3 of Lateral D of County Ditch No 22, looking at bridge replacement on the Chippewa River north of Friendship homes for any wetland impacts within the floodplain.
BUFFERS: gave update that \$50,000 of allocated buffer money is encumbered, requested \$22,000 more and it sounds like we will be receiving that amount, also discussed haying cost-shared buffers.
PROJECTS: reviewed the list of projects for 2018-projects are totaling roughly \$324,000 and also noted pending projects.
TREES: noted that trees are supposed to be arriving April 20, have been working with landowners on trees.
OTHER: discussed IDP (individual development plans)

Zach's Report:

- Zach reported his monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: seed & seeding orders, tree plans & estimates, BBR writing, 1W1P meeting for HCWP & CRWP, buffer contacts, CREP contacts & proposals, IDP, NLMP submitted to BWSR, agreement sent to Centrol, and gearing up for spring planting season.

Shantel's Report:

- Shantel's report was given by Mike Timmerman in her absence. He reported her monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: 1026's, crop reporting started for NASS, IDP process, CSP-re-enrollments, township meeting March 19th, and Civil Rights Review March 13th. He also noted that Gary Watson, NRCS Assistant State Con. For Field Operations, will be retiring August 4, 2018.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chippewa Room, basement of the Chippewa County Courthouse