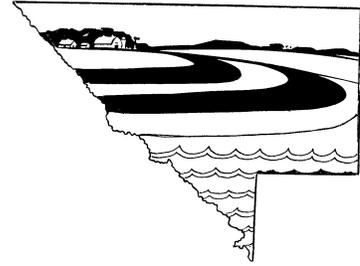


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2018 Valentino's

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 9 a.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Sunderland, Eisenlohr, Trager
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Zach Bothun, Desirae Jarett, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski, Mike Timmerman, Nate Stewart; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson; Conservationists of the Year: Jerry and Ruth Ann Lee; State Representative: Tim Miller; Jeff Johnson
2. M/S/P Trager, Sunderland approve the agenda/with changes.
3. M/S/P Trager, Eisenlohr approve the November 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. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: Shantel on acting detail covering Stevens, Swift & Yellow Medicine offices; certifying CSP payments in YM & Chippewa; EQIP planning; hosted saturated buffer, drainage water management & ecological services exchange training; certified tile work on Wes Thompson project-dirt work will be done in 2019; Shantel attended MASWCD Annual Convention. Shantel also gave an update on the Farm Bill: coming increase in CRP acres-2 million, increase in EQIP funds and decrease in CSP funds; Chippewa River Watershed Conservation Planner update: Ian Olson (YM SWCD) was hired and will be located in Alexandria-Tom W. and Shantel were on planning committee about hiring, this position is an NRCS/MASWCD funded agreement; Computer seat information: Shantel gave board information as to what each NRCS computer seat consists of and that she is working through whether or not a phone can be separated from a computer seat.
6. **New Business**:
 - Buffer cost share contracts were presented and approved as follows:

NAME	CONTRACT	LOCATION	ACRES	AMOUNT
DAVID HINRICHS	18-66 BL	119-37,38-26, 35, 21, 28, 31	6	\$ 1,800.00
CLARENCE BOIKE	18-79 BL	117-38-9	2.8	\$ 840.00
EVELYN BOURNE	18-68 BL	118-40-24	1.6	\$ 480.00
TOTAL			10.4	\$ 3,120.00

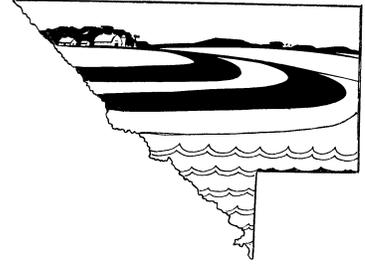
- M/S/P Trager, Eisenlohr approve buffer cost share contracts list above.
- Buffer cost share vouchers were presented and approved as follows:
 - Buffer cost share contract 18-26 BL for Roger Swenson at 117-40-15 for 1.2 acres totaling \$360 and partial payment for Cost Share contract 17-1 LCG for Wesley Thompson WASCOD project located at 119-41-14 partial payment for tiling portion totaling: \$5344.92.
 - M/S/P Trager, Sunderland approve cost share payments as discussed.

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- Desirae gave a grants update to the board-notified them of what grants had recently closed, what grants were new, and what grants were still available with and without encumbered amounts.
- Tom W. gave a program update including, but not limited to, where we are at for the year for CREP/RIM, MAWQCP, tree program, projects, WCA, buffers, seeding program, Hawk Creek 1W1P, and observation wells.
- Zach discussed the Non-Structural Land Management Practice policy as well as the Erosion Control and Water Management Program policy and the cost share & buffer policy.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr approve to update policy with revisions.
- Zach discussed the Tree and Seeding Policy as well as the landowner contracts for trees and seeding.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr approve to implement the tree and seeding policy as well as the contracts.

Tom W.'s Report:

- Tom's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to:
 - WCA: worked on tile drain requests, project applications, Notice of Decision, site visits, project reviews
 - Trees: Ordered trees, working on a couple plans
 - CREP working on an easement to fix water control structure, working on haying agreements, met with BWSR on site to go over easement options
 - Projects: tile installed at Wes Thompson project-earthwork will wait until next year, all DRAP projects are done except for Halvorsons due to weather—grant was extended
 - Buffers: worked with landowners on buffers, did site visit to measure buffer width for compliance
 - Met DNR & Hawk Creek Watershed staff on site to look at bank erosion site as well as feed lot issues
 - Had staff meeting
 - Did Ag Learn Security Awareness training

Zach's Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended CRWP LWG meetings in Glenwood in November and December and attended CRWP Board meeting in November, attended State Convention, worked on tree plans/estimates, signed landowners up for seeding, flagged out a few CRP boundaries for landowners, done with fall dormant seeding-moved 5 sites to spring, worked on our tree and seeding program policies and landowner agreement signature forms, revised NLMP and ECWMP for the board to sign again, completed AgLearn security awareness training, discussed buffers, seeding, etc with landowners daily in the office and over the phone.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: buffer cost share contracts, vouchers, adding people to wait list, and verifying seedings; measuring buffers, updating buffcat with CRP contracts; wrote letter for protected waters last notice with map; CREP proposals; read ob wells.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2019 at 3 p.m., Chippewa Room, Chippewa County Courthouse