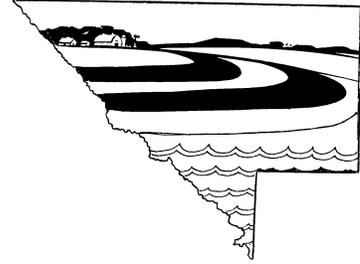


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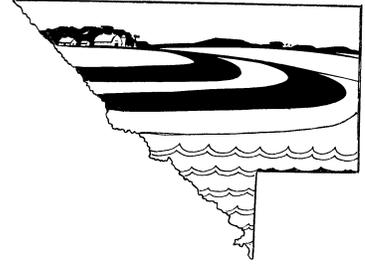
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Dawn Schuler at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Trager, Sunderland, Eisenlohr
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez & Matt Gilbertson; District Candidate: Steve Jacobsen
2. M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Trager, Eisenlohr approve the August 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 discussed MASWCD Area II meeting to be held September 19 at Shady's Hometown Tavern & Event Center in Albany. This will be a legislative platform meeting. Two staff will attend.
 - Zach discussed the need for updates within our services policies. Zach provided a copy for board members to review. Will discuss at next meeting.
 - Desirae discussed the need for policy updates to include Conflict of Interest, Code of Conduct and File Retention. She also discussed the need for a Supervisor's Policy. Will compile some policies using other examples and discuss at next meeting.
 - Staff informed the board that Chippewa County has their first Minnesota Ag Water Quality Certified Farm. Richard Handeen and Audrey Arner certified their farm through the MN Dept. of Ag program.
 - Cost Share voucher for L. Williamson terrace repair was presented. Total project cost was \$1685, cost share to pay \$1263.75.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr approve to pay \$1263.75 to L. Williamson.
 - Tom Sletta presented buffer cost share contracts for D. Bohlsen (1.2 acres totaling \$360) and G. Schuman (3.1 acres totaling \$930).
 - M/S/P Trager, Eisenlohr approve buffer contracts as presented.
 - Desirae discussed the Annual Convention and requested board members to let her know if they would be attending. Annual Convention will be held December 9-11, 2018.
 - Desirae discussed Local Water Plan "Resolution to Waive Amendment Requirement for the Chippewa County Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan". This is to waive an amendment of the Goals, Objectives, and Action Items of the Comprehensive Local Water Management Plan by December 31, 2018 due to One Watershed, One Plan making it unnecessary.

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- M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr agree to support the resolution to waive the amendment.

Zach's Report:

- Zach's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: writing CRP plans; ordered equipment/parts for tractor, ATV, & drill; presented at Little Thunderhawks for Little People's Garden; went to project sites for precon meetings, construction, etc.; surveyed existing easements; interviewed Conservationist of the Year; assisted buffer walk-ins and phone calls; and wrote tree/seed policy draft.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Tom's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: sent out new buffer contracts; moved money down after a few contracts have cancelled; completed RIM spot checks & reports; wrote CRP plans; checked out water levels at Fagen CREP site; submitted CREP application; and presented at Little Thunder Hawks for Little People's Garden.

Shantel's Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: finished CRP plans; attended Lee precon meeting; worked on 1026s; conducted NASS crop reporting; completed CSP audit; and conducted CSP re-enrollment interviews. Shantel also noted that she is covering the Morris, Benson, and Clarkfield offices; September 30 is the end of the Fiscal Year for NRCS; and due to not being able to earn credit time after 4 p.m. she may have to leave board meetings early.

Next Meeting: October 1, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. in the Chippewa Room, basement of the Chippewa County Courthouse