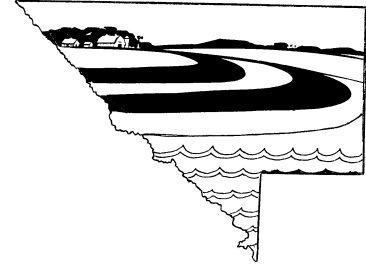


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting July 10, 2023

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

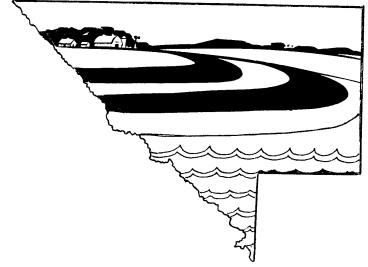
1. Meeting was **called to order** by Board Vice Chair Calin Eisenlohr at 3:00 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Steve Jacobson, Aaron Ahrenholz, Calin Eisenlohr
2. Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Sletta Zach Bothun, Tom Warner; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Candice Jaenisch
3. M/S/P Jacobson, Ahrenholz approve the agenda. All in favor.
4. M/S/P Jacobson, Ahrenholz approve the May meeting minutes. All in favor.
5. Bills were presented for ratification & payment.
6. **NRCS Report**:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended MASWCD Area II meeting; strip tillage field checks for EQIP; ag waste construction—flat work done; CRP site visits, status reviews, plan writing; EQIP worked for FY2024; helped host Women’s Field Day “Nature’s Grocery Store”; attended Area meeting in Marshall; AC reporting for EQIP/CTA planning acres; LWG planning; landowner meetings on projects and applications; CRP plan help/training with Big Stone SWCD staff; and worked on removal of Tom’s computer seat from system.
7. **Staff Reports**-
 - **District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: installed fabric on cost share project; worked on tree billing; filled out cost share voucher; cleaned tree building; received project application; wrote up WCA NOD and sent out; worked on WCA tile drain requests; talked with Kragero Township about installing a culvert through the road with wetlands on both sides of the road; received monitoring report for Fosso/Buss Ag Bank; lined up WCA TEP on site meetings for the Kragero site and the Fosso/Buss ag bank site; talked to landowner about excavating a cattle pond in a type 1 wetland; met with consultant from Ag Water Management about several wetland mitigation sites; signed restoration order extension from the DNR CO for the Doug Erickson site; talked to landowner about proposed erosion projects—currently getting bids from contractors for fall 2024 construction; worked with landowner on haying agreement; send out letters to landowners notifying them that we will be conducting easement site inspections; mowed sites for landowner for food plots; attended Area 2 meeting; staff meeting; removing name from accounts and adding Zach’s name as day-to-day contact.
 - **Co-District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: seed/seeding completed; wrapped up last tree planting and fabric job; hosted Area II meeting; attended CMRWP TC meetings and CRWA TAC meetings for WBIF and 1W1P planning purposes; attended Basic First Aid and AED training; attended the wrap up meeting for the Chippewa County Hazard Mitigation Plan; WCA training and practice with Tom; attended manager meeting in Glenwood; invoicing for services; prep for Tom W. retirement party; fair planning; tree building clean up; and office cleaning and rearranging.
 - **District Technician**: monthly activities and updated reported include but are not limited to: completed and submitted 26 acre RIM application; working on 110 acre RIM application; RIM spot checks and letters; seeded CRP; hosted Area 2 meeting; surveyed potential project site with engineer; sent contractor bid packets; recorded Moon CREP payment, waiting on final title policy; finished planting tree and fabric; MNAWQCP meeting with Grant P.; Williamson tile cam and meeting; Jordahl project pre con meeting; submit ob well final reading; Basic First Aid & AED training; staff meeting.

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8. New Business

- Zach presented the 2023 Guidelines on Use of SWCD Aid Payments Resolution.
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Ahrenholz approve resolution as presented. All in favor.
- Zach presented grant and fund balance update.
- Conservationist of the Year ideas were presented.
 - Board requested a list to be brought to next meeting.
- Zach presented FEMA flood maps and meeting update.

9. Zach noted important upcoming dates for Tom Warner's retirement party and Chippewa County fair.

10. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by Calin Eisenlohr.

Next Meeting: August 7, 2023 –Commissioner's Room, Courthouse 3:00 P.M.

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