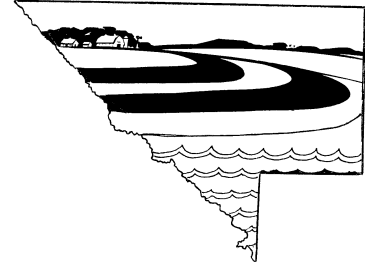


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## Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting June 5, 2023

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

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Board Chair Jerry Schwitters at 3:00 p.m.
  - Members **present**: Steve Jacobson, Jerry Schwitters, Aaron Ahrenholz, Calin Eisenlohr
2. Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Jarett, Zach Bothun, Tom Warner; County Commissioners: Matt Gilbertson and Candice Jaenisch
3. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Jacobson approve the agenda with addition. 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: CSP classic applications-CD mapping/planning; finished design/folder work for a grazing system in Big Stone; attended pre-con meeting for ag waste project; attended women's field day planning meeting; EQIP mods to keep on schedule for items no computer/status reviews; attended mid-career retirement training; field work to certify seedings, trees ,tree fabric, and check on ag waste; and started on CRP plans and working on eligibility for new offers. Shantel also noted that CRP status reviews starting soon and Big Bend church bank is sloughing—looking for all old designs and paperwork.
7. **Staff Reports-**
  - **District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: unloaded trees; planted trees; installed fabric; drew up tree plans; did site visits; worked on tree building; had WCA TEP meeting on site to review for wetlands and tile setback distance from wetlands; flagged out tile setback distance (with Tom Sletta) for landowner where tile needs to be removed that is too close to a WCA wetland; out on stie watching tile removal; worked on tile drain requests; and did a site visit on an erosion site for a possible project. Tom also noted Jordahl channel stabilization project and Sandven WASCOB repaid should get started the end of June.
  - **Co-District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: tree planting; worked 2 tree pick up days; seeding; Area II meeting prep; WRAPS Cycle II virtual meeting with HCWP and MPCA; CMRWP JPB meeting in Willmar; and staff meeting with the CMRWP TC to go over project work load.
8. **New Business**
  - Zach asked the board for approval to participate in the 2023-2024 MASWCD Leadership Institute.
    - M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr approve participation in the 2023-2024 MASWCD Leadership Institute program. All in favor.
  - Desirae presented the 2024 budget.
    - M/S/P Jacobson, Ahrenholz approve 2024 Budget as presented. All in favor.
9. Desirae noted important upcoming dates for WCMASWCD Area II meeting and Local Work Group meeting and Tom Warner's retirement party.
10. **Adjourn**
  - M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr motion to adjourn. All in favor.

**Next Meeting: July 10, 2023 –Commissioner's Room, Courthouse 3:00 P.M.**

**\*\*\*Local work group meeting to begin at 2:00 P.M.\*\*\***

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