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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting March 4th, 2013

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

Meeting was **called to order** by Supervisor Larry Kittelson.

Members **present**: Schuler, Sunderland, Kittelson, Roelofs

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Jean Diggins, Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson, County Commissioners. Also present at the meeting was Calin Eisenlohr.

M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler **approve the agenda/with additions.**

M/S/P Schuler, Roelofs **approve the February meeting minutes with the correction of adding Tom Warner's name in attendance.**

The Treasurer gave the **Treasurer's report** and the supervisors placed it on file subject to audit and authorized the payment of the bills as presented.

Staff reports

Jean Diggins reported:

- The supervisors welcomed Calin as a guest to the meeting.
- Diggins reported that the required BWSR Reporting was completed. She distributed the 2012 Financial reports to the Board and pointed out that the reports are all linked on the SWCD's webpage.
- The Board members signed a new signature card for MN West Bank due to the resignation of Steve Nokleby.
- The Area II meeting is scheduled for March 21st. An RSVP will be sent after today's meeting.

Tom and Zach's report:

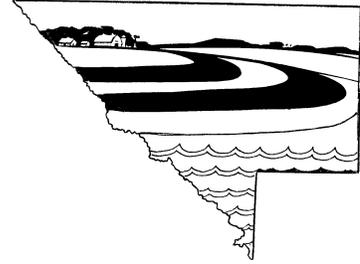
- Zach and Tom reported on the RIM/BUFFER program updates, the water plan updating progress.
- Tom/Zach reported that they had attended the MASWCD Legislative Days and had met with both Sen. Lyle Koenen and Rep. Andrew Falk in addition to attending the informational meeting the night prior to the legislative appointments. In-between meetings and appointments, they met with both the Lessard/Sams outdoor heritage reps and the LCCMR reps to discuss some specifics of the rock outcropping sites.
- They attended on rock out-cropping multi-county meeting on Feb. 13th.

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- They reported on Hawk Creek Annual meeting that was held on Feb. 13th.
- They had both attended a meeting with Kylee Olson, Chippewa River Watershed project staff, and assisted with submitting a proposal for the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program pilot.
- Tom presented a state-cost application for approval:
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Roelofs to approve Mike Peters (Sparta Sec. 15) (12-4) application for a farmstead shelterbelt with a cost-estimate of \$4,370 (75% cost-share rate) or \$3,000.
- Tom reported that the 2013 WIA application had been sent in. The Supervisors noted and approved it.
- They reported that they had been listening to Soils Health webinars with NRCS.

MISC:

General CRP sign-up May 20th-June 14th

Next Meeting: April 1st, 2013 3:30 p.m. Courthouse Montevideo MN