

## CHIPPEWA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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### Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting April 1, 2013

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

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

Members **present**: Schuler, Sunderland, Kittelson. Member **absent**: Roelofs

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Jean Diggins, Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson, County Commissioners. Also present at the meeting were Calin Eisenlohr, and NRCS Area II A.C. Mark Kulig.

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

M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland **approve the March meeting minutes.**

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.

#### **Staff reports**

##### **Jean Diggins reported:**

- M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland to appoint Calin Eisenlohr to the Board until the next general election filing in July 2014.
- Diggins, Schuler, Warner and Bothun reported the highlights from the Area II meeting that was held in Litchfield March 21<sup>st</sup>. The next Area meeting will be hosted by the Kandiyohi SWCD in June.
- The Board members signed a new signature card for MN West Bank with the appointment of Calin Eisenlohr.
- The Board received a thank you from the Nokleby family.
- Received a notice of a RC&D meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Willmar
- The staff discussed and presented a charging fee schedule for providing imaging maps to the public.
  - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler to approve the fee schedule as presented by the staff.

##### **Tom and Zach's report:**

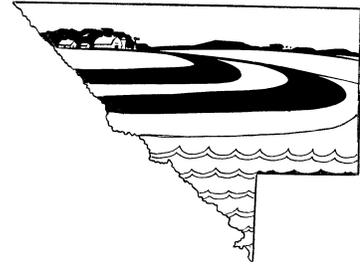
- Zach and Tom reported on the five RIM/BUFFER program applications being processed by BWSR, the water plan committee met with a team from BWSR to review the updating progress and ask for an extension to file the updated plan with BWSR, and the native prairie/rock

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outcropping updates. Specifically, Zach reported they have a total of eight (237 acres) easement applications pending a successful funding source.

- Tom presented state-cost applications for approval:
  - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr to approve Steve Jacobson (Granite Falls Sec 4) (12-5) application for a farmstead shelterbelt with a cost-estimate of \$1710 (70% cost-share rate) or \$1,197.00
  - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr to approve Merlyn Ast (Stoneham Sec. 32) (13-1) application for a farmstead shelterbelt with a cost-estimate of \$1800 (75% cost-share rate) or \$1170.
- They reported that they attended the Hawk Creek meeting, a Soils Health meeting at the NRCS Area II office, the water plan committee is meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup>.and the County's pictometry meeting.
- Tom reported that he had set up a meeting with the BWSR wetland specialist to look at some sites for wetland banking.

### Shantel:

- Introduced Mark Kulig to the Board.
- Gave her monthly activity report. She gave her annual report to the township officers at their annual meeting.
- Planning for this year's women field days has begun. A tentative date of June 20<sup>th</sup> is being planned with the dam removal in both Montevideo and Granite Falls as the topic of the meeting.
- Montevideo Field Office was selected for a National Civil Rights review sometime the end of May.
- Mark reported on some of the NRCS programs and personnel changes in the MN State Office.

### MISC:

Steve Sunderland informed the Board/staff that the Chippewa Water Plan had been given an extension from the BWSR review panel. He briefly talked about the EQB meeting he had attended.

**Next Meeting:** *May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 3:30 p.m. Courthouse Montevideo MN*