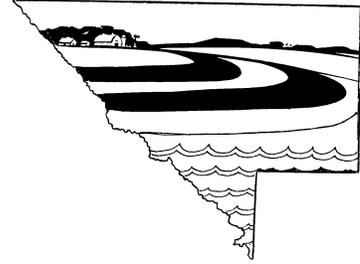


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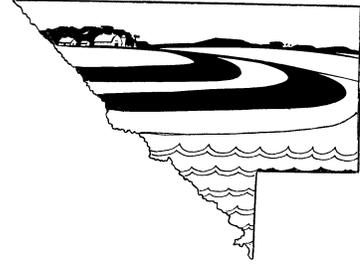
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Board Chairman Calin Eisenlohr at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Calin Eisenlohr, Steve Jacobson, Steve Sunderland
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Jarett, Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; Commissioner: Jeff Lopez
2. M/S/P Sunderland, Jacobson approve the agenda. All in favor.
3. M/S/P Jacobson, Sunderland approve the July meeting minutes. All in favor.
4. Paid bills were presented for ratification.
5. Unpaid bills were presented to be paid.
6. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: finished and certified last CAP plan, participated in 2 tech talks on grazing put on by BWSR and NRCS for continuing ed credits, handled wetland complaint, CRP planning, CRP site visits, 1026s, attended Beth's retirement, had an EQIP pastureland app pre-approved, and discussed extending SWCD funding option to carryover EQIP projects.
7. **Committee Meeting Reports**-none
8. **Staff Reports**-
 - **District Manager** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: wrote cost share contract amendments, wrote cost share voucher, on site of projects, wrote Notice of Decision for CSAH 15 road project and DeVries application, TEP meeting on site, TEP meeting on Grace road site, talked to consultant about DNR protected watercourse survey/proposed cleanout, worked on tile drain requests, sent RIM wetland repair design plans to Fleming/Fagen project, sent RIM wetland repair design plans to Boike, Fagen Farms, Monson project, site visit of the Schoenecker easement wetland repair site, checked out a RIM easement with landowner, wrote up cost share voucher for KDK, talked with landowner's about haying RIM, did site visits for a couple possible tree planting sites, drew up several tree planting plans, roto-tilled, updated LincPass.
 - **Technical Manager** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: Hawk Creek Middle MN 1W1P Steering Team meetings, HSPF SAM modeling work for goal setting in priority areas, worked with staff on developing tree prices starting 2021, seeding plans for fall and digital seed tags acquired and stored, CRP proposals and tree plan proposals for landowners, met with landowners on site to discuss plan and discuss program and timeline of establishment, Prairie Sportsman interview on Ginger Homme site, mowing and roto-tilling jobs, CRP boundary surveying, discussed buffers, CREP & Rim easement ownership changes with landowners, and worked on cost share program/practice ranking/scoring sheet, and outreach.

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- **District Technician** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: seeded CRP and 1 CREP site, RIM spot checks & letters, buffer checks & compliance letters, food plot tilling and mowing on CREP site, and submitted 2 CREP applications.
9. **Old Business**
- Zach discussed tree pricing and presented a new tree and shrub order form.
 - Jacobson, Sunderland approve new tree form and pricing as discussed.
 - Zach discussed project prioritization and ranking. He is working on a ranking form—board likes it so far and will email Zach any other potential questions for the form.
10. **New Business**
- Tom Warner presented cost share amendments for Homme and M. Schultz. Amendment for Homme is to move funding source to 2018 SCS and amendment for M. Schultz is to move funding source to 2018 LCG.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Jacobson approve amendments to cost share contracts in order to change funding sources.
 - Tom Warner presented cost share voucher for Homme contract 19-1CS. Project total is \$20,788.83 with a voucher payment amount of \$7795.81.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Jacobson approve to pay voucher for contract 19-1CS.
 - Staff discussed Conservationist of the Year. This year's annual convention will be virtual so there will be no formal awards given at that time. Will discuss at next meeting.
11. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: September 14, 2019 at 3 p.m., Board Room, Courthouse