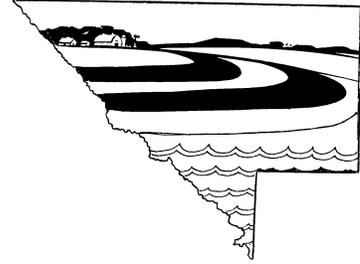


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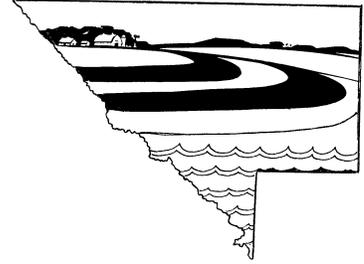
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Vice Chairman Michelle Overholser at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Michelle, Overholser, 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 August 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: 1026s caught up, getting ready for CSP payments, has reached out to 6 EQIP applicants about rolling to state cost share. Shantel also noted that they have 94 CRP plans this year (both General and CCRP), EQIP funded a pastureland application, EQIP funding in the future will be based on teams, and end of Fiscal Year is at the end of September.
7. **Committee Meeting Reports**-none
8. **Staff Reports**-
 - **District Manager** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: cost share contracts, preconstruction meetings, cost share folders, final check out on project, reviewed site for potential WASCOD, worked on tile drain requests and sent out WCA Noticed of Decision and Notice of Application, attended Skype meeting for JCD 9, observed RIM wetland repair sites, talked to landowner and contractor about plugged tile causing wetness on land adjacent to a RIM easement. Tom also noted that he had a staff meeting with SWCD staff, updated his LincPass credentials, ordered trees and more fabric, helped clean tree building, and did some tree site visits and wrote up tree plans.
 - **Technical Manager** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: lead contact duties for coordination 1W1P Steering Team meetings & Policy Committee meetings in Willmar, roto-tilling food plots, Prairie Sportsman interview with Virginia Homme, tree plans, seeding/seed plans, CRP boundary surveying, project site visits and tree building maintenance, MDA Pesticide Monitoring, CRWA LWG/TAC meeting via Zoom for the Chippewa Planning group.
 - **District Technician** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: 2020 spring aerial buffer check on no compliant buffers, finished RIM spot checks and sent out letters, read observation wells, worked on tree building clean up, worked on CREP deed, easement confinement, acreage change, and RIM repair project site visits.
9. **Old Business**
 - Discussed Conservationist of the Year. Board decided to not select a conservationist for 2020.

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- Zach discussed project prioritization and ranking. Board would like staff to start using internally then fine tune it from there.

10. New Business

- Desirae and Tom Warner asked board to grant permission to District Manager to hold technical approval authority for well sealing and for RIM repair project contracts.
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Sunderland approve TAA for well sealing and Rim repair project contract. All in favor.
- Desirae presented the Proposed 2021 Budget.
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Sunderland approve proposed 2021 budget with no changes. All in favor.
- 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: November 2, 2020 at 3 p.m., Board Room, Courthouse