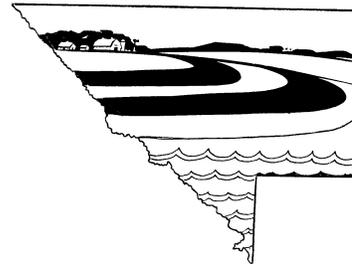


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## Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting November 2, 2015

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

Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Steve Sunderland at 3:00 p.m.

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

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski;

Guest presenter: Molly Barborek

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

M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve the September (no October 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.

Molly Barborek discussed and explained the different insurance policies the county offers.

### ***Staff reports***

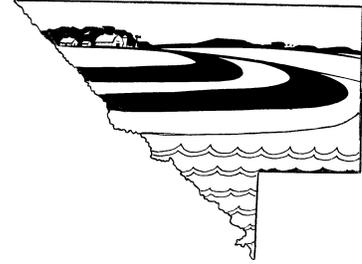
#### **Tom reported:**

- Tom discussed the DRAP policy and the need to set cost share limits.
  - M/S/P Kittelson, Eisenlohr approve the addition of “following State Buffer Law Requirements” to part **A** under **Rates** in the DRAP Policy.
  - M/S/P Kittelson, Schuler approve the DRAP policy with the addition.
- Tom presented a well observation contract amendment to add a well to the contract.
  - M/S/P Kittelson, Eisenlohr approve the amendment to the well observation contract.
- Tom discussed where the buffer law is now. He discussed maps, buffers, and the difference between private and public waters.
- **Desirae reported:**
- Desirae took count of who would be attending the MASWCD Annual Convention from December 6-8 so registration and reservations could be done.
- Desirae discussed the DRAP funds that had been deposited, due to the sizable amount and the fact that the projects will not be done until 2016, the funds were moved to savings and pledged.
- Desirae also discussed overdue accounts receivable. The board recommended contacting the landowner again or sending a certified letter. If that failed we would pursue it further.
- Desirae and Tom proposed a change in health coverage and the possibility of adopting a pay scale. They also discussed the need for planning the monies coming in 2016. The board decided a special meeting would need to be held to handle the financial planning for the new

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funds as well as to discuss the staff's proposal of a pay scale & health insurance policy change. The meeting was set for November 16 from 4-7 p.m. in the Chippewa Room.

### **Zach Reported:**

- Zach was not present at the meeting. A copy of his monthly activities were given to the attendees.

### **Shantel's Report:**

- Shantel spent the end of September finishing up CRP planning
- She has been flagging wetland boundaries for tiling
- September 22 was the Shakopee Dam inspection
- She had 3 CSP plan re-enrolls
- She has been busy with EQIP payments, site visits & project leads
- She has requested assistance for engineering and grazing projects above Mike's job approval authority.
- 1026 numbers are below 20
- EQIP sign up is until November 20<sup>th</sup>
- She has been starting CSP payment process
- She had a radio spot at KDMA, discussed EQIP sign up & SWCD trees
- She noted that Mike, Tom, and herself will be going to update their lincpasses come spring.
- She is helping with a wetland restoration, due to a violation.
- She has had 3 wetland mitigations.

### **OTHER:**

- Commissioner Jeff Lopez discussed the MN River Congress presenting to commissioner's trying to persuade them to support establishing a MN Basin Commission.
  - M/S/P Kittelson, Schuler approve the SWCD to write a letter of support for the Chippewa County board opposing the Minnesota River Basin Commission's resolution.

Meeting adjourned.

***Next Meeting: December 14, 2015 @ 9 A.M., Valentino's***