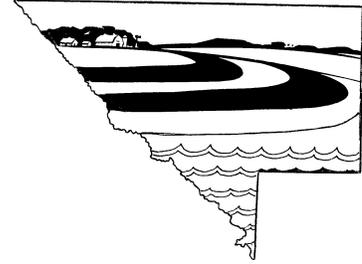


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting February 2, 2015

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, Eisenlohr, Sunderland, Roelofs.

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Matt Gilbertson, Jeff Lopez

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

M/S/P Eisenlohr, Schuler approve the January 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

Tom reported:

- Tom, Zach and Steve discussed the Clearing the Muddy Waters of the MN River: Sediment, Science & Stakeholders meeting that they attended in Mankato on January 21st.
- Tom, Desirae, and Steve discussed MASWCD Legislative Days that were held January 26-27 at the Capitol. There was a lot of talk about the Governor's buffer proposal.
- Tom attended Hawk Creek Watershed information & Appreciation Meeting February 25th in Willmar.
- Tom's other monthly activities were but are not limited to: RIM Wetland webinar (signup ended January 30th), wrote up/sent out WCA Notice of Decision for Havelock 22 site, look at site in the NW ¼ of Lonetree 30 for gun range, worked with landowners on tree plantings/designs, ordered more trees from nurseries, went to an erosion site with Mike to look at for a possible fix, worked on year end e-link reporting.

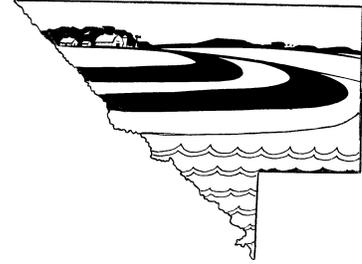
Desirae reported:

- Desirae noted the annual report had been sent in and was expected to be reviewed and sent to the printer in the coming weeks.
- Desirae requested to attend a MN Department of Revenue "Minnesota Business Tax Education" seminar in Anoka.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Eisenlohr to approve expenses and mileage for Desirae to attend.

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- Desirae presented a letter from the Envirothon Committee asking for a pledge for the 2015 Envirothon for Area 2.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Roelofs approve to pledge the \$150 contribution toward the 2015 Envirothon.
- Desirae noted that the Personnel policy meeting and discussion would be postponed until the April board meeting due to conflicts.

Zach Reported:

- Zach gave an update on pledged commitments, requests, and cost for the seed drill.
- Zach presented the Pheasants Forever Sponsorship and the National Wild Turkey Federation Sponsorship.
 - M/S/P Roelofs, Eisenlohr approve Pheasants Forever membership at \$50 and NWTF membership at \$55.
- Zach discussed his monthly activities including but not limited to: LTT WLI/Private Lands Agreements, Annual Report, Read DNR observation wells in December, was gone for 2 weeks for Lorelai's birth, RIM application, Muddy water meeting in Mankato, Tree plans/estimates, Seed drill update, FBAP meeting in St Cloud, PF/NWTF/MDHA memberships & banquets, and SWCD trailer projects updates.

Shantel's Report:

- Shantel reported that Mike and she attended the FSA/Extension Farm Bill meeting in Maynard and had a booth set up with information and outreach materials. About 260 people attended.
- Shantel reported about 2014 CSP Payments, Mods, Loss of land-1/3 wanted to defer payments to 2015.
- Shantel reported that her field office appraisal will be coming up at the end of Feb-one is given every 5-8 years
- Attended EQIP meeting in St. Cloud Jan 20-21.
- Been working on processing and planning 2015 EQIP apps
- 2015 CSP deadline is Feb 27th, 2011 expiring contracts re-enrollment apps by March 31st.

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Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2015 3:00 p.m. @ Courthouse