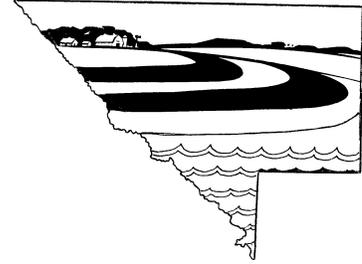


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting March 2, 2015

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, Kittelson, Roelofs.

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

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

M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve the February 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 reported that he has about 3500 trees ordered to date and has some extra rolls of fabric coming to make sure we have enough for the season
- For WCA, Tom reviewed the application for Fiesta City Facility Solar Project, filled out WCA Notice of Application and sent out for the Solar Project, he has worked on other WCA tile drain requests, and he attended a WCA administrative training in Marshall on 3/5
- Tom discussed disaster recovery assistance program funds that we have an opportunity to obtain.
- Tom reported that we have submitted a request for another 1026 contribution agreement
- Tom reported that he has attended several meetings throughout the month, including but not limited to: water plan meeting, Hawk Creek info & appreciation meeting, Farm Bill assistance partnership program appraisal, lincpass, Area 2 meeting, and Dave Sill retirement

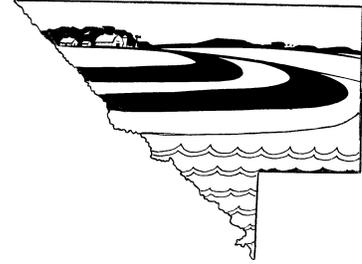
Desirae reported:

- Desirae reported that the annual report has been completed and sent out.
- Desirae reported that tentative dates have been set for Kids in the Community
- Desirae noted that the SWCD has been notified that there will be a pay equity report due January 31, 2016 with more information coming in November 2015.
- Desirae discussed possible times/dates for a personnel meeting
- Desirae reported that Dana Cole is still working on year end financials.

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- Desirae noted that the Chippewa SWCD will be responsible for hosting the MASWCD Area II meeting on June 10th
- Desirae noted that an administrative training session has been tentatively scheduled for June 17-18

Zach Reported:

- Zach gave an update on pledged commitments (\$5,500 pledged), requests (\$6,800 applied for), and cost for the seed drill (total approx. \$19061 without tax included). He requested permission to purchase the drill with or without funding that we are waiting on. Estimated cost without commitments \$13,500 and estimated cost with applied for commitments \$6,700.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Kittelson approve to purchase seed drill with or without pending commitment from NWTF
- Zach noted that there are banquet tickets for National Wild Turkey Federation and Pheasants Forever if any of the board members would like to go
- Zach noted that he had his Farmbill Assistance Partnership Appraisal with Jason Beckler. Everything is going well in Chippewa County, we are 50% funded.
- Zach has also been working on Private Lands Agreements/Working Lands Initiative projects, tree plans/estimates/site visits, CRP quotes for future signups, ArcMap Shapefiles for Prairie Plan, etc.
- Zach helped Chippewa River Watershed Projects with water sampling on Chippewa River
- Zach attended MN River Valley Local Technical Team mtg and, LQP Local Technical Team mtg.

Shantel's Report (Mike reported for Shantel):

- Mike reported that the CSP deadline has been extended from February 27 to March 13
- Mike reported that they have been working on EQIP ranking
- Mike reported that there was a field office appraisal from February 24-27

OTHER:

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Meeting adjourned.

***Next Meeting: April 6, 2015 3:00 p.m. @ Courthouse
Personnel meeting beginning at 2:00 p.m.***