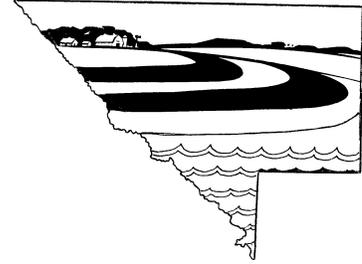


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## Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting May 1, 2017

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

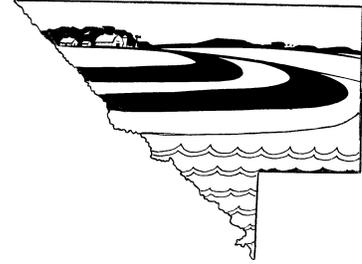
1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Scott Roelofs at 3 p.m.
  - Members **present**: Schuler, Roelofs, Eisenlohr, Sunderland
  - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta, Tom Warner; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Matt Gilbertson, Jeff Lopez
2. M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Schuler, Eisenlohr approve the April minutes with corrections.
4. 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.
5. **New Business:**
  - District 1 Supervisor: The board discussed potential supervisors.
    - M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland motion to appoint Ray Trager to fill the District 1 Supervisor spot until the next general election.
  - Audit: Two bids for completing our 2016 audit were discussed.
    - M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland motion to have Michael D. Peterson Company LTD perform our audit.
  - Cost Share J. Mulder: Tom W. discussed a cost share project for a 412 grassed waterway in Rosewood Section 18. The estimated total project cost is \$16,540.
    - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr approve cost share project with state cost share to not exceed \$12405 or 75%.
  - J. Lee project update: Discussed some possible funding issues with this project as bids are coming in much higher than estimated. Board agrees to redistribute funds in DRAP to make this project work. Could use local capacity funding to cover moved DRAP funds at a later date. Board will wait for all bids to be in to make a motion.
6. **Old Business:**
  - Trailer: Zach presented 2 bids for a 24' trailer. One bid from Felling Trailers and one from Renville Sales. Board also discussed what to do with old trailer: will sell via Craigslist or upper court house parking lot when new trailer arrives.
    - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr motion to purchase 2018 PJ 24' skidloader trailer from Renville Sales Inc. for \$6190.00.
  - "Other Waters": Discussion was held on the waterplans committee's thoughts whether to use a resolution or the "other waters" map that Zach created. It was decided that the Water Plan would use the resolution but would also add the map as a reference.
    - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve to accept the proposed resolution.

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- CRP Measuring Services: Discussion was held about CRP measuring services prices. It was decided that measuring services would be a \$75 flat fee and the fee would be charged per farm. Try it for this year and will adjust later if need be.
  - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr approve proposed \$75 flat fee per farm measuring service fee.

### **Tom W. Reported:**

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: tile drain requests, teleconference on JD9, unloaded tree shipment, getting small tree orders to landowners, planted 9 tree sites, contractor starting Eckhoff site, prepped cost share contract for Mulder, worked on Lee streambank paperwork, WCTSA engineer is working on more projects, land-owner walk-ins for buffers, attended Hawk Creek 1WIP meeting, attended grants training workshop, attended Chippewa County waterplan meeting, attended filter strip standard training, mowed a site, and read obwells.

### **Zach Reported:**

- Zach discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: attended area II meeting, got equipment ready for spring field season, GPS is here and training was held, answered buffer questions, walk in traffic, and measured buffers, CRP measuring services done on multiple sites, CREP training, roto-tilling, site visits for tree planting/seeding, tree orders, tree planting, seed/seeding orders are completed for last minute proposals, “other waters” map created, and obtained trailer quotes.

### **Tom S. Report:**

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: sent out letters, worked on buffer info for landowners, attended Area II meeting, prepped tree building & equipment for spring, Trimble training, buffer measuring, conference calls, flag CRP, & tree planting.

### **Shantel’s Report:**

- Shantel reported her monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: CRP planning, training in new ACES employee (ACES is a program that employs people over age 55 to work under NRCS; new employees name is Lori, she will be in Monte 2 days per week and in Clarkfield 2 days per week), WRPO training on management plants for WRP, CREP training, 1026s, CSP mods for CRP enrollment, compliance reviews uploaded for wet/HEL, CSP re-enrollment letters, G.W.W (CRP) layout/construction, 2 terrace/WASCOB layout/pre-construction meeting last week, EQIP obligations for 2017.

### **OTHER:**

Desirae noted important meeting dates as follows:

- May 3: Kids in the Community
- May 18 & 19: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Days
- June 15: MASWCD Area II meeting, Willmar
- June 22: Women’s Field Day

***Next Meeting: June 5, 2017 3:00 p.m., Chippewa Room, Courthouse basement***