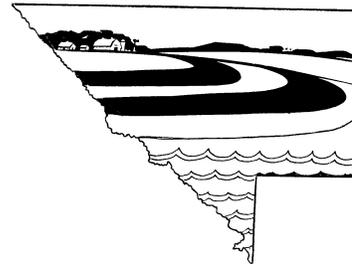


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting March 6, 2017

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

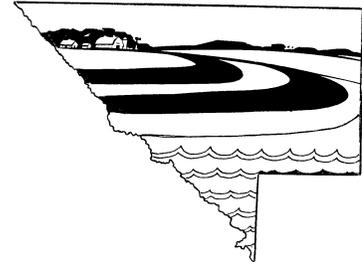
1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Scott Roelofs at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Roelofs, Eisenlohr, Sunderland
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez, Matt Gilbertson; Others present: Ray Trager
2. M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Schuler, Eisenlohr approve the February 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:**
 - Local Capacity Funds: Zach discussed the possibility of purchasing an equipment trailer. Board would like price quotes. Felling and Tow Masters were suggested.
 - "Other Waters": Zach discussed the need to define other waters and that a map needed to be produced by July 1. Discussion was had by many and different view points were shared. It concluded that the SWCD would define private ditches for the other waters determination for inclusion into our Local Water Plan. Zach will put together a shapefile/map and we will go from there.
 - Jeff Lopez questioned at what depth would the SWCD like to be involved in "other waters". He also questioned whether or not they want it county wide or focused on a specific watershed as well as what happens after we define it as "other waters".
 - Desirae noted that staff sent out letters to probable candidates and there were responses from 2 interested parties for the District 1 supervisor position.
 - Zach discussed the Master Joint Powers Agreement. This is how work for RIM easements will be reimbursed from BWSR going forward.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve to enter into joint powers.
 - Desirae discussed the 2017 Local Capacity Fund Grant Agreement.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Sunderland motion to approve the grant agreement.
6. **Old Business:**
 - Zach discussed the GPS unit, Trimble R8S. This unit has all of the functions that the SWCD would use it for as well as the computer software and training. Board questioned about an upgrade package and a service package.

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- M/S/P Sunderland, Schuler approve the purchase of the GPS unit at the quoted price.

Zach Reported:

- Zach discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: 2017 Capacity Grant Writing, Security Awareness Training/Test, tree orders/plans/estimates, seed & seeding proposals/orders, annual report, buffer walk-ins and phone calls, water plan meeting, promoted a lot of CRP to buffer walk-ins and phone calls, cost share projects coming in from Ross and in reviewing stage with landowners.

Tom S. Report:

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: seeding proposals, list for landowner on their buffers, Hawk Creek meeting, helped get water samples, measured buffers, looked at tree site, send out letters to landowners about the 1 rod buffer along Hawk Creek, got interviewed by the Monte American news about being a farmbill technician and is putting a page of info together about buffer for him.

Shantel's Report:

- Shantel reported her monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: CSP payments, program annual reminder letter, CRP eligibility, 2nd level review on EQIP apps (8 apps), CREP teleconference, CRP plan writing, mid-year progress report, 1026s, CSP mods for losing land and CRP buffer stuff, civil rights annual review: this replaces the version issues in December 2013.

OTHER:

Desirae noted important meeting dates as follows:

Legislative Days: March 20-21, 2017

Next Meeting: April 3rd 3:00 p.m., Chippewa Room, Courthouse basement

*****Appreciation Get Together for Larry Kittelson will be held at the Topper's Warehouse after the meeting/approximately 5 p.m.*****