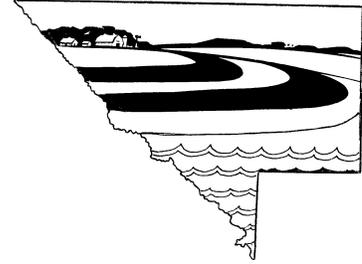


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting August 7, 2017

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

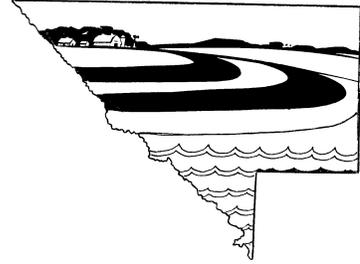
1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Scott Roelofs at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Roelofs, Trager
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta, Tom Warner; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski; BWSR BC: Jason Beckler
2. M/S/P Schuler, Trager approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Schuler, Trager approve the July minutes.
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. **BWSR BC, Jason Beckler**: Jason gave the board an update on local capacity funding and buffer implementation fundings, he discussed the match for increase county funds and highly recommended presenting it to the county board, encouraged the board to set what practices we do and don't want to cost share on and to check what the county is going to do with the existing buffer ordinance and what they are putting in the new ordinance. He noted the Governor's 25 by 25 meeting coming to Marshall on August 17th and the Day After meeting on August 18th. He discussed a possible TSP group with Big Stone.
6. **New Business**:
 - DRAP Cost Share contracts for L. Halvorson, Buseman, and Arends were presented by Tom W. Costs estimated are as follows:
 - Halvorson Mgmt: Rosewood Sec. 8, Stream channel stabilization (584) total project estimated cost \$44,926, cost share at 100%.
 - Buseman: Tunsberg Sec. 36, streambank stabilization (580, 342, 484), total project estimated cost \$6,899, cost share at 100%
 - Arends: Tunsberg Sec. 36, streambank stabilization (580, 342, 484), total project estimated cost \$5011, cost share at 100%
 - M/S/P Trager, Schuler approve DRAP cost share projects presented with 100% cost share.
 - Non-structural land management policy/buffer cost share policy was presented by SWCD staff. Board discussed. Will review again at next meeting.
 - Board read buffer extension letter that had been received.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Trager approve L.K. buffer extension. Also give staff approval to send out approval/denial letters on their behalf after they have made the approval/denial decision.
7. **Old Business**:
 - Conservationist of the Year options were discussed again.
 - M/S/P Schuler, Trager move to select Carl VanRavenswaay as Chippewa SWCD 2017 Conservationist of the Year.

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Tom W. Reported:

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: CREP inquiries, site visits, revising conservation plans/ownership change forms, RIM haying/grazing agreements; buffer cost share, buffer extension, news release in paper, landowner discussions; WCA no-loss decision for Stamer Solar Garden, WCA tile drain requests, ag bank site getting closer for credits/site was seeded, TEP mtg; gave update on construction projects, looked at some sites with tree problems, roto-tilled sites, elink, and obwell readings.

Zach's Report:

- Zach reported his monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: fair, CREP proposals, CRP site checks, surveying/training with Mike, tree building cleaning/organization, mowing & roto-tilling, invoices for services, buffer map updated for water plant, plant potted trees for Arneson, J. Lee RIM easement title ins./commitment form, and finished seeding & equipment maintenance.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Tom reported his monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: cost share letters, RIM site reviews/paperwork, map buffers for getting acres for cost share, and CREP meeting.

Shantel's Report:

- Shantel reported her monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: fair, EQIP applications, CRP wetland restoration survey, 1026s, emergency haying/grazing plans, CRP plans, and CSP contracting. Shantel also noted that Gary Watson (her supervisor) is now covering 50 counties; NRCS is staffed at approximately 60%.

OTHER:

Next Meeting: September 11, 2017 3:00 p.m., Chippewa Room, Courthouse basement