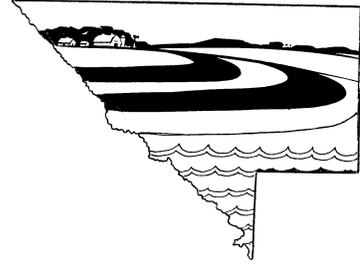


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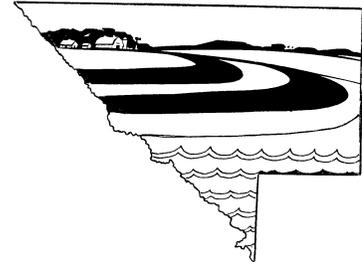
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Vice-Chairman Dawn Schuler at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Schuler, Eisenlohr, Sunderland, Trager
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Sharp, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta; NRCS: Shantel Lozinski;
2. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Sunderland approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Sunderland, Trager approve the June 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. **Old Business:**
 - SWCD staff and NRCS DC presented our cooperative operational agreement.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Trager approve to submit operational agreement for review.
 - Staff and board reviewed and discussed the proposed budget. Board request charts be made to show the difference between SWCD earned money, pass-through funds, and specific grant money before presenting to the county board.
 - M/S/P Eisenlohr, Sunderland approve the proposed budget.
6. **New Business:**
 - Conservationist of the Year options were discussed. Board decided to wait until next meeting to make a decision.
 - Buffer cost share and extensions were discussed. Extensions are on public waters not on county ditches. The board discussed giving Tom Warner (District Manager) authority to approve buffer cost share then present a list to the board at each meeting with the landowner name, acres, and expenses.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Trager approve giving District Manager authority to approve buffer cost share.
 - The following cost share vouchers and amendments were discussed.
 - B. Abel: cost share 17-2 voucher, \$1256.25. This is \$13.13 lower than the \$1269.38 that was approved. Cost share is for fabric only on field windbreak.
 - A. Eekhoff: cost share 17-1 voucher, \$9252.57. Cost share is for a terrace.
 - A. Eekhoff: DRAP 14-4 voucher, \$7519.01. Cost share is for a water and sediment control basin.
 - J. Lee cost share amendment: changing cost share amount from \$79,200 to \$99,102 by an increase of \$19,902. DRAP cost share is for the streambank stabilization.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Trager approve all cost share vouchers and cost share amendment.

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- Desirae presented a bank release form that needed to be signed for our 2016 Audit. Chairman signed.

Tom W. Reported: (Tom's report was read by Desirae in his absence)

- Tom discussed his monthly activities that included but were not limited to: TREES: finished planting trees on June 8th, had an approved extension to plant up to June 14th, installed fabric on a site for trees for next year, looking at tree problems on people's property; WCA: had BWSR wetland specialist Lynda Ponting here a couple times to look at projects landowners want to do and possible wetland impacts, wrote up no-loss decision for Sagitta Solar garden, worked on tile drain requests; SEEDING: has been out helping get seeding sites done, about 5 small sites left to do, have approved seeding extension to seed through July 14th, put together list of sites and maps that needed to get seeding extension; BUFFERS: been talking to landowners, landowners on public waters can apply to the SWCD for an extension, have buffer cost share money available to help cover costs to get in compliance with the buffer law, attended buffer meeting; COST SHARE: prepared cost share certification forms for Eekhoff sites and Abel site, working with landowners on streambank project for permits needed; CREP: have talked with several people about CREP, no one has signed up yet, met with BWSR Engineer & technician on CREP site with neighbors to discuss options on the existing restoration; read obwells, sent in FY 2018 Farmbill Assistance Program grant agreement, attended meeting with Shantel & Liz about storm damage in the county, and worked on cooperative agreement with Desirae and Shantel.

Zach's Report:

- Zach reported his monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: seeding and working on J. Lee RIM application.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Tom reported his monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: seeding, buffer measuring, meeting for buffers, and RIM folder preparation.

Shantel's Report:

- Shantel reported her monthly activities and updates that include but are not limited to: updated phones, loading CSP applications, 1026's, CRP plans (will be done soon), crop reporting for NASS on Linder Farm Network, site visits for CRP, attended Soil Health Day in Morris, sent EQIP article to papers, paid Eekhoff for projects, worked on cooperative agreement with the SWCD staff.

OTHER:

Next Meeting: August 7, 2017 3:00 p.m., Chippewa Room, Courthouse basement