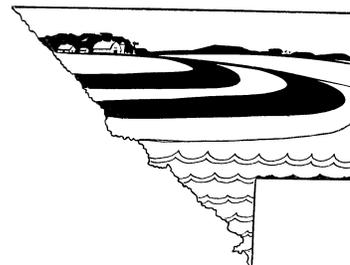


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting September 9, 2019

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

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Steve Sunderland at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Michelle Overholser, Calin Eisenlohr, Steve Jacobson, Jeff Johnson, Steve Sunderland
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Desirae Jarett, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Mike Timmerman; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson
2. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Overholser approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr 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. **NRCS Report**-by Shantel Lozinski given by Mike Timmerman:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: took 130 applications for EQIP cover crop, ended up funding 7 for just under \$37,000; ranked and scored all 130 applications; working on obligation paperwork; assisted with fair display, focused on EQIP and benefits of cover crops; CRP status reviews & site visits; last leadership was in Bemidji August 7 & 8th; CRP cover checks for re-enrollments; CRP eligibility; CRP planning (50 plans); PRS reporting; and 1026s. Shantel also noted the administrative assistant is no longer working with NRCS, a new one should be starting soon.

6. **New Business:**

- Tom Sletta discussed buffer cost share vouchers as follows:

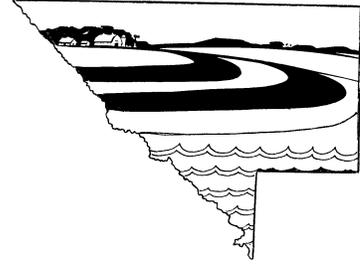
Myron Bluhm	18-48BL buffer cost share	\$1380
John Prekker	18-39BL buffer cost share	\$360
Loren Gosseling	18-36BL buffer cost share	\$180
Randy Janssen	18-98BL buffer cost share	\$2310
Gerald Zeller	18-57BL buffer cost share	\$810
Joel Ruschen	18-9BL buffer cost share	\$3090
Lelyn Minkel	18-23BL buffer cost share	\$360
Kenneth Koenen	18-51BL buffer cost share	\$1290
Clarence Boike	18-79BL buffer cost share	\$840
Wesley Thompson	18-6BL buffer cost share	\$780
Gordy Mills	18-76BL buffer cost share	\$150
Janet Winters	18-1BL buffer cost share	\$930

- M/S/P Jacobson, Johnson approve the buffer cost share vouchers as discussed
- Tom Warner discussed cost share contracts for projects. He presented Contract 17-5 LCG for Goody's Farms, LLC in Sparta Section 21 for a 600 Terrace. Total estimated project cost is \$76,196. Cost share requested from the SWCD is \$19,655.12 from 2017 Local Capacity Grant and \$1,652.18 from 2018 State Cost Share. He also presented Contract 18-1 State CS for V. Kibble in Sparta

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Section 21 for a 638 Water & Sediment control basin. Total estimated project cost is \$12,130.75. Cost share requested from the SWCD is \$4,549.04 from 2018 State Cost Share.

- M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve project cost share as presented.
- Desirae discussed the upcoming 5th grade field days and requested volunteers to help with stations.
- Desirae noted that Michael D. Peterson & Company was out August 12 for the audit. Draft should be complete in September.
- Desirae noted that our Surface Water Monitoring with MDA is complete.
- Desirae reminded supervisors to turn in their expense reports by the end of September.

Tom W.'s Report:

- Tom's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: working on fall construction projects; interviewed Virginia Homme for conservationist of the year; tree planting; looked at trees with issues; completed Gosseling/Wolf RIM project; worked with BWSR engineer & Scott Santjer on problem RIM sites and prioritized them; finished RIM site inspections; worked on tile drain requests; registered for academy; read observation wells; and attended Hawk Creek Middle MN 1W1P kick off meeting in Willmar.

Zach's Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: Hawk Creek Middle MN 1W1P meetings; tree planting; seed CRP & buffers; roto-tilling; and flagging/measuring CRP boundaries for landowners.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: work on CREP, measure & flag buffers; buffer site checks; buffer vouchers; plant trees; read observation wells; and seed CRP.

Next Meeting: October 7, 2019 at 3 p.m., Chippewa Room, Chippewa County Courthouse