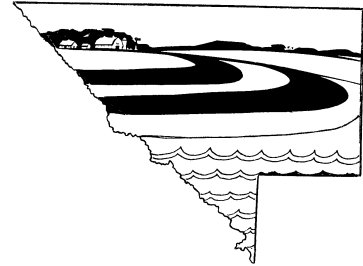


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting March 4, 2019

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 Sunderland
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Zach Bothun, Desirae Jarett, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Jeff Lopez and Matt Gilbertson; BWSR Board Conservationist Jeremy Maul
2. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Overholser approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve the February 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**: Board Conservationist Jeremy Maul introduced himself to the board and staff. He will be the new BC for our area. Jeremy listened to and discussed comments and questions from board and staff.
6. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: CSP mods and payments; 1026s; and EQIP planning & ranking. Shantel also noted that she visited the Capitol with the MASWCD Leadership group on February 5 & 6. Shantel & Mike attended a time cycling meeting on February 25, they will be reporting all activities for 3 months. Shantel noted that there will be several EQIP applicants looking for funding from the SWCD. Shantel requested to include the 2020 Local Work Group meeting before next month's board meeting.
7. **New Business**:
 - Tom Warner discussed the BWSR Area 53 Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (BWSR Area 53 CWMP) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)
 - M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve to move the draft forward with the addition of the definition of a qualifying party.
 - Desirae discussed the clothing order and requested board members to get their order form filled out.
 - Desirae discussed Area II meeting to be held in Little Falls—it was decided that no staff or board members would be attending.

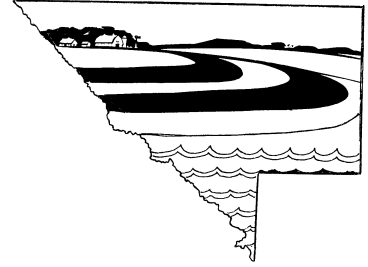
Tom W.'s Report:

- Tom's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended several meetings (Managers meeting in St. Cloud, Area 53 1W1P Steering Committee Meeting in Willmar, Sustainable Farming Association Meeting in Monte; TEP meeting for Fosso-Buss Ag Bank application, TEP meeting for JCD 9, meeting with Lynda from BWSR and Scott Williams about a project); worked on tile drain requests; sent preliminary project design plans & estimates from WCTSA to landowners; talked with landowners about possible erosion projects; worked with Fagen Farms and BWSR on the Fagen easement exchange; drew up tree plans & estimates; ordered more trees; preview the 2018 Annual Report; and contacted legislative assistants to Lang and Miller to make sure meeting times & rooms were in order.

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Zach's Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: seed sales & seeding proposals and orders for spring; attended filter strip training in Elbow Lake; hosted CRP establishment workshop in Benson (put on by Chippewa & Swift SWCD); attended Cover Crop, Soil Health & Reduced Tillage workshop @ Renville Community Center; renewed Linc Pass; attended 1W1P Steering Team meetings (co-leading with Diane Mitchell from Renville County—facilitate meetings, take notes, prep agendas & minutes); and annual report articles proofread.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended filter strip training in Elbow Lake; finalized Milt's tree plan and ordered trees; attended cover crop & reduced tillage meeting; WIA webinar; worked on buffer letter for non-compliant county ditches; and mapped new buffer contracts.

Next Meeting: April 1, 2019 at 3 p.m., Chippewa Room, Chippewa County Courthouse

*****LOCAL WORK GROUP MEETING WILL BE AT 2 PM*****