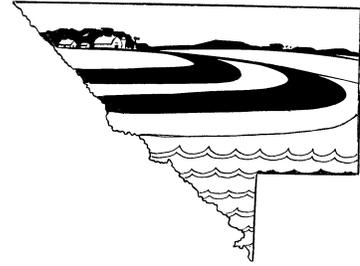


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting July 1, 2019

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, Jeff Johnson
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Tom Warner, Zach Bothun, Desirae Jarett, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioner: Jeff Lopez
2. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Overholser approve the agenda/with additions.
3. M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve the May 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**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: 2019 CSP signup, interviews and processing; 1026 applications; meeting in Benson for Skakopee dam; EQIP payments; contract modifications (loss of land) for CSP; planted Little People's Garden at Sanford; helped with Women's Field Day activities; high lines course in Lanesboro for leadership training; and cover crop prevent plant EQIP sign up.
6. **Old Business:**
 - Discussion was held about prospective conservationists of the year.
 - M/S/P Overholser, Johnson approve to nominate Virginia Homme as the Chippewa SWCD 2019 Conservationist of the Year

• **New Business:**

- Tom Sletta discussed buffer cost share vouchers as follows:

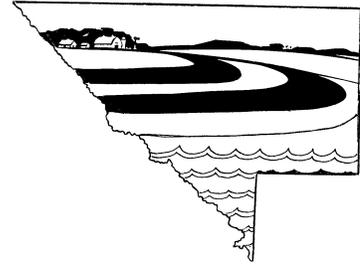
George Schuman	18-90BL buffer cost share	\$ 930.00
Linda Maus	18-17BL buffer cost share	\$ 1,560.00
Bob Condon	18-62BL buffer cost share	\$ 1,656.00
Bob Condon	18-63BL buffer cost share	\$ 120.00
Calvin Harms	18-4BL buffer cost share	\$ 690.00

- M/S/P Eisenlohr, Overholser approve the buffer cost share vouchers as discussed
- Desirae discussed Governance 101 training to be held in Bloomington September 12 & 13th.
- Desirae and Tom W. discussed the end of the Farmbill grant and the start of the CREP Implementation grant. Tom Sletta will mainly work under the CREP Implementation grant. The grant is for 40% of Tom's workable hours.
- Tom W. discussed an addition to the 2019 Conservation Delivery grant. These additional funds will be to implement high priority repair and maintenance projects and activities on existing Reinvest in Minnesota easements.
- Desirae brought an outstanding debt to the board. After discussion it was decided that the SWCD would not do any further business with guarantor of the debt until the debt is satisfied.
- Desirae presented the proposed budget for 2020. Most expenses remain the same or were reduced. Revenues have change with the addition and end of grants.

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- M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve 2020 budget as discussed.

Tom W.'s Report:

- Tom's monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: finished tree planting except for one site; shut down tree building; worked with Desirae on invoicing; looked at sites for tree planting next year; met with landowner/engineer to go over plans for Sonstegard/Kibble project; contacted landowners on projects; surveyed several possible project sites with Steve Linow; looked at Lee streambank project; got bid packets printed off for projects; worked on tile drain requests; wrote up and sent WCA Notice of Decision for JCD 9 and the Fosso/Buss wetland delineation for bank application; attended TEP onsite review with consultant for Peterson bank site; talked to landowners about CREP; looked at RIM problem sites with Scott Santjer; and discussed possible funding for fixing problem RIM sites; met with landowner, engineer, and Santjer about adding draining tile to a site; received confirmation from BWSR about money being approved to 2 existing RIM easements to reseed areas of the easement not doing well; talked to someone about the riser they had installed on water control structure, had them remove it; attended several meetings; read DNR obwells/entered data online; and helped with surface water monitoring.

Zach's Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: Hawk Creek Middle MN 1W1P meetings; community garden @ CCMH; tree planting; seed CRP & buffers; roto-tilling; flagging/measuring CRP boundaries for landowners; MDA pesticide monitoring on Dry Weather Creek; work with landowners on buffers; and J. Lee streambank project inspected with Tom. Zach also noted he has 17 sites left to seed totaling about 120 acres.

Tom S.'s Report:

- Monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: measure & flag buffers; buffer site checks; buffer vouchers; plant trees; read observation wells; seed CRP; and attended Area 2 meeting in Glenwood. Tom also noted that he has 4 CREP proposals in process.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2019 at 3 p.m., Chippewa Room, Chippewa County Courthouse