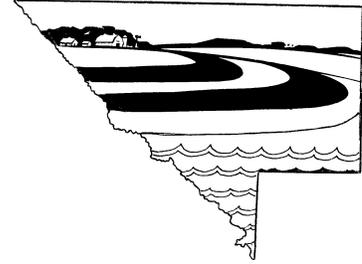


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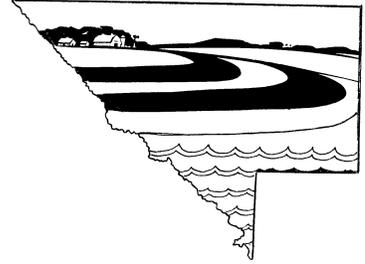
Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairwoman Michelle Overholser at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Michelle Overholser, Steve Jacobson, Calin Eisenlohr, Steve Sunderland
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Jarett, Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioner: Candice Jaenisch
2. M/S/P Jacobson, Sunderland approve the agenda with addition of county space survey. All in favor.
3. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Jacobson approve the August meeting minutes. All in favor.
4. Bills were presented for ratification & payment.
5. **Committee/Meeting Reports**: Steve Sunderland and Candice Jaenisch discussed Hawk Creek Middle MN 1W1P.
6. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: CRP plans, status reviews and seed tag checks; completed a wetland restoration through CRP; office furniture order; new NRCS printer was delivered 9/9; cover crop plan changes for a few producers; Aglearn courses; attended Hawk Creek picnic; checking CSP loss of land for modifications; and progress reporting for end of year.
7. **Staff Reports**-
 - **District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended WCA TEP meeting for Fagen Farms bank site; wrote up WCA NOD for Fagen Farms bank site; attended WCA TEP meeting for Eric Peterson bank site; wrote TEP notes for Peterson site; WCA review for PRAP; worked on tile drain requests; spoke with landowners about haying RIM land; met landowner on site about maintaining existing tile that drains onto RIM; Fagen Farms RIM rock outlet structure was repaired; used tile camera in terrace tile line to look for issues; went over WCTSA engineered alternative tile intake design plans utilizing MDA funding with Jim & Josh VanDerPol; several site visits and tree plans; installed fabric for landowner; wrote up 2 cost share contracts for field windbreaks; requested extension for 2019 SWCD Local Capacity Services Grant; and attended WCTSA lead contacts meeting.
 - **Technical Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: planning, coordinating and meetings for the Hawk Creek Middle Minnesota 1W1P; meetings for Chippewa River Watershed Association; worked on fall seeding requests/ scheduling & seeding proposals; coordinated ESRI ArcGIS licenses & downloads for district owned computers; measured CRP; worked on PRAP review and met with landowners on pond project.
 - **District Technician**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: worked on Fagen bank site; wrapped up RIM spot checks and mailed out RIM letters; completed RIM application; tile camera check in terrace line; worked on haying agreements and maps with landowners; worked on CREP easement payments and CREP change of ownership forms; helped with water monitoring; sent buffer validation of compliance letters; and helped lay fabric for a landowner.
8. **New Business**

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- Tom Sletta discussed the tractor repair that is needed. He also discussed the possibility of a new tractor and presented quotes and estimates obtained from Kibble Equipment. Tractor PTO clutch repair estimate is \$4490.08; tractor trade in value is \$10,000 (with the PTO clutch fixed); cost of John Deere 5065E 12 speed is \$30,600 (after trade-in); and cost of the John Deere 5065E 9 speed is \$28,600 (after trade-in). Board discussed and would like Tom S. to obtain yearly leasing quotes from Kibble similar to what the county uses. Board would like PTO clutch to be repaired and the district to keep the tractor for now.
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr approve tractor repair.
- Desirae discussed the county building space survey. The county has hired Klein McCarthy Architects to assess all county buildings. The district will fill out the survey on behalf of the district.

9. Important Upcoming Dates:

- BWSR Academy (online): October 26-28, 2021
- MASWCD Annual Convention: December 12-14, 2021

10. Adjourn

Next Meeting: October 4, 2021 at 3 p.m.

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