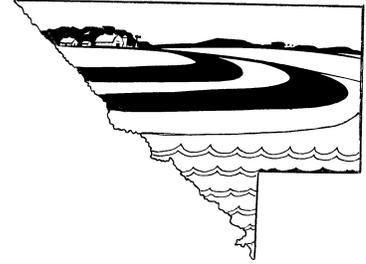


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting April 6, 2021

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

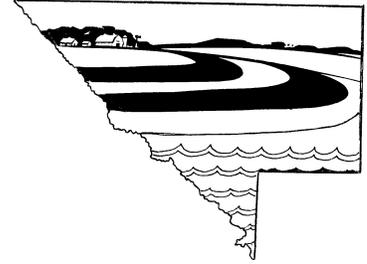
1. Meeting was **called to order** by Chairwoman Michelle Overholser at 3 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Michelle Overholser, Steve Jacobson, Calin Eisenlohr, Steve Sunderland, Jerry Schwitters
 - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta, Tom Warner; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Matt Gilbertson and Candice Jaenisch
2. M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr approve the agenda with the addition of JAA reviewal and approval of Tom Warner's JAA. All in favor.
3. M/S/P Sunderland, Jacobson approve the March meeting minutes. All in favor.
4. Paid bills were presented for ratification.
5. Unpaid bills were presented to be paid.
6. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: finishing EQIP plans; ranked all EQIP applications; taking applications for CSP/CSP renewals; EQIP: 13 preapproved applications totaling \$319,000; women's field day planning meeting. Shantel also noted that she will be doing the 2021 crop year NASS reporting; that 1026s have started coming in; and that she participated in Agronomy 101 course and joint NRCS/MASWCD LWG training.
7. **Staff Reports**-
 - **District Manager** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: site visits; tree plans; ordering trees; starting compressor unit at tree building; worked with landowner on MAWQCP; worked with landowner on haying agreement for easement area; answered landowner questions about selling easement; looked at aerial imagery for possible project sites, sent out letters, sent in engineer request for assistance; Masberg RIM repair project-received bids, awarded project, filled out cost share contract and Practice Implementation Request Form, project starting right away this spring; sent engineering requests to WCTSA; completed 2018 Local Capacity Grant Reconciliation; worked on tile drain requests; looked at County Road 30 with highway department for wetland issues; received application for Shakopee Lake dam repair, wetland boundary/type, and no-loss, wrote up WCA NOA and sent to applicant/agencies.
8. **Technical Manager** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: tree plans, estimates, and site visits; seed and seeding proposals and seed orders; legislative briefing and Zoom meeting with Miller and Lang; Hawk Creek 1W1P- plan admin section, beginning process of formulating the implementation/governance structure, planning grant extension from June 30-December 31, 2021 to allow for extra time to formally review; attended TAC meeting and JPB meeting for the Chippewa River Watershed Association in March-prepping for 1W1P application,

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working on bylaws for the CRWA, put together a resolution to support Chippewa River Watershed 1W1P, RFQ/RFP for consultants.

9. **District Technician** monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: tree planting proposal; CREP eLink reporting; CREP/RIM easements outreach and facilitation; read observation wells; tree site visits; WCA training; annual report; WIA new enrollment; buffer reviews on computer; and seeding proposals.

10. **Old Business**

- Zach discussed apparel ordering. Board requested a list of items be sent out.

11. **New Business**

- Zach presented the resolution to support the Chippewa River Watershed Association (CRWA) One Watershed, One Plan (1W1P).
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Sunderland approve resolution as presented. All in favor.
- Tom Warner presented cost share contract 2021-4 for Joseph Masberg Rev. Trust in Crate Section 3. The project is a RIM wetland restoration. Estimated total project cost is \$13,192.00. Request for cost share on the project is \$501.50.
 - M/S/P Schwitters, Jacobson approve cost share of \$501.50. All in favor.
- Tom W. discussed the update and reformatting of his Job Approval Authority (JAA). Tom reviewed and approved Zach and Tom S.'s updated JAA.
 - M/S/P Eisenlohr, Jacobson approve the update and reformatting of the JAA. All in favor.

12. **Important Upcoming Dates:**

- April 7: Hawk Creek-Middle MN 1W1P Policy Committee Meeting 1PM
- April 19: Trees arrive

13. **Adjourn**

Next Meeting: May 3, 2021 at 3 p.m.