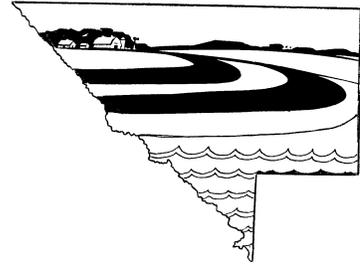


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting June 2, 2014 Chippewa County Courthouse

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

Meeting was **called to order** by Chairman Dawn Schuler at 3:00 p.m.

Members **present**: Schuler, Roelofs, Sunderland, Kittelson, Eisenlohr.

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp; NRCS Staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Matt Gilbertson and Jeff Lopez.

M/S/P Sunderland, Kittelson approve the agenda/with additions.

M/S/P Eisenlohr, Kittelson approve the May minutes with deletion of motion that had been mistakenly entered.

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.

Staff reports

Tom reported:

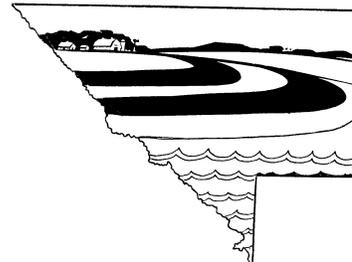
- Tom presented the landscape resolution
- Discussion was held about 1W1P-no representative needed as CRWS will not be a pilot
- Tom presented state –cost share for approval:
 - M/S/P Kittelson, Roelofs Cost share payout was approved as follows:
 - Merlyn Ast (Stoneham 32); Contract 13-1 with a payment of \$1170.00 for a farmstead shelterbelt. Total cost of the project was \$1914.00 with a cost-share rate of 75% including water plan funding.
 - Bennie Groen (Stoneham 36); Contract 13-07 with a payment of \$560.00 for a field windbreak. Total cost of the project was \$1050.00 with a cost share rate of 53%.
 - Tom Palke (Louriston 35); Contract 13-05 with a payment of \$1604.98 for a renovation on farm shelterbelt. Total cost of the project was \$2766.00 with a cost share rate of 58%.

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- Dan Cronen (Stoneham 14); Contract 13-08 with a payment of \$529.28 for a renovation on farm shelterbelt. Total cost of the project was \$1029.28 with a cost share rate of 51%.
- Mike Bristle (Leenthrop 26); Contract 13-06 with a payment of \$2556.16 for a farmstead shelterbelt. Total cost of the project was \$3994.00 with a cost share rate of 64%.
- M/S/P Kittelson, Roelofs Motion to agree to Walk In Access joint powers agreement with MN DNR
- Tom presented a cost share cancellation. Board recommended obtaining a signed cancellation letter to place in the file.
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Eisenlohr Motion to accept cancellation due to land owner request for contract 13-4
- Tom presented his monthly activities: including but not limited to, tree plantings

Desirae reported:

- M/S/P Sunderland, Kittelson Approved Co-Op Credit Union paperwork to add Desirae Sharp and Tom Warner as agents with signature authority at Co-Op Credit Union
- Sharp presented that Jenn had attended the Envirothon May 19, 2014 to judge oral presentations, Jenn is looking for ideas or recommendations on how to get our teams to participate and should we focus more on getting teams going? Board would like more information on Envirothon.
- Sharp gave an update on the Women's Field Day planning
 - Speaker, bus and meal lined up; invites & media release sent; planning for 50-60 attendees
- Sharp noted that 5th grade field days was held May 28 & 30th with approximately 240 students in attendance. Suggested purchasing a water cooler for the future.
- Sharp presented the bus contract for women's field days
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Roelofs Approve use of the accounting policy & procedures
- Sharp led discussion on the MASWCD Leadership Program. Board would like to talk about it more at July meeting.
- Sharp noted upcoming WC MASWCD Area II Meeting: June 18 @ Douglas County Public Works Building

Zach's report:

- Has been busy planting trees (Chippewa Cty, Brown Cty, Sherburne Cty.) Reported about tree orders, plans & estimates, he has lined up some CRP mid-contract mowing jobs, worked on CRP letter for re-enrolling CRP and possible RIM easement, 5th grade field days.

Shantel's Report:

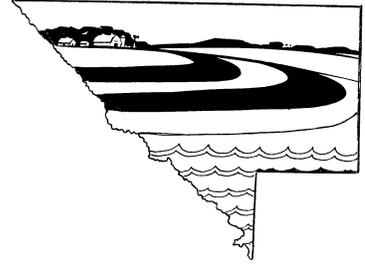
- Shantel reported about a joint teleconference with FSA on the 1026 process that was a 3 day refresher. Tom sat in on one day for his part. She has been busy working on CSP CMT interviews and processing (16 people applied), EQIP planning, and 1026 work (wetland flagging). She discussed the Women's Field Day (June 19th) plans and made the board

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aware that other counties & organizations have had an interest in wanting to share this event; as of now we'd like to keep it with in our existing organizations. 5th grade field days was held Wednesday the 28th and Friday the 30th of May (Shantel presented the tracks station on Wednesday and Mike & Shantel presented Conservation trivia on Friday. Shantel discussed the 1026 contribution agreement. She will be requesting \$5000 more in funding and a year extension on the contract. Shantel presented a soils health demo.

OTHER:

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: July 7, 2014 3:00 p.m. Courthouse