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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting March 3, 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, Eisenlohr, Sunderland, Roelofs, Kittelson.

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

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

M/S/P Kittelson, Eisenlohr approve the February minutes.

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

Desirae reported:

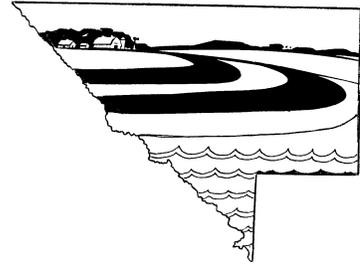
- Sharp reported that the annual reports have been mailed
- Sharp reported that 2013 BWSR reporting has been submitted & approved by Bill Eisele.
- M/S/P Sunderland, Kittelson to approve job descriptions with additions & corrections
- M/S/P Kittelson, Sunderland approve to name Tom Warner as District Manager effective May 1, 2014.
- Area II meeting is scheduled for March 6, 2014
- Hawk Creek meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2014
- MASWCD Legislative Days are scheduled for March 24-25, 2014
- Board and staff discussed effectiveness of Soil Stewardship in churches, suggested looking into schools instead
- Sharp reported that Jenn is working on getting field days and classroom visits lined up.
- Warner informed the board about a past due tree bill and showed the different ways he has contacted the landowner by phone and mail numerous times. Board suggested certified mail and/or personal visit to landowner.
- Diggins discussed this year's elections. Districts 1 & 4 need to file. Eisenlohr (District 2) must also file as he was only appointed to the next general election.

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- MAWSCD correspondence: supervisors discussed the election correspondence. The decision was made to remain with option 1 and have the supervisors elected at large.
- M/S/P Kittelson, Eisenlohr approve to adopt the local water plan as the comprehensive plan of the district from 2014 to Dec 2018.
- Sharp reported that 60th invites will be mailed out by 3/17/2014. Advertisements for it will begin 3/23/2014.
- Updated bank signature information.
- Mark Kulig, AC for NRCS, gave us a report. He discussed staffing changes/turnover, Farmbill, budgets, and honey bee & prairie pothole initiatives.

Tom and Zach's report:

- TOM:
 - Reported about WCA, trees, WIA, RIM and meetings he has attended.
- Zach:
 - Reported about tree orders, plans & estimates, progress edition poster, and discussed several meetings he has attended .

Shantel's Report:

- Reported about being busy with 1026s, other programs on hold due to Farm Bill.

OTHER:

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: *April 7th, 2014 3:00 p.m. Courthouse*