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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting April 7, 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, Kittelson.

Others **present**: SWCD staff: Zach Bothun, Tom Warner, Desirae Sharp; NRCS Staff: Shantel Lozinski; 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:

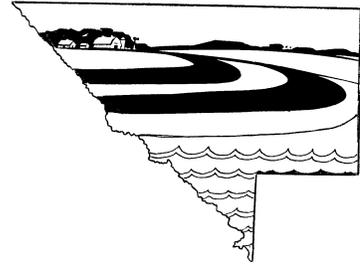
- Sharp reported that WCA has been billed out
- Diggins proposed AL & SL pay out
 - M/S/P Kittelson, Sunderland Approved proposal subject to approval/opinion from auditors
- Discussed outstanding tree bill
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Kittelson Approved movement to small claims court if no response to contact attempts by April 15, 2014
- Review updated job descriptions
 - M/S/P Sunderland, Calin Motion to approve job descriptions with one correction to tech position
- Discussed Farm Bill Assistance Partnership
 - M/S/P Kittelson, Eisenlohr Approve to move from full time to part time Farm Bill tech
- M/S/P Kittelson, Sunderland Motion to approve Desirae & Tom to have internet banking access through MinnWest Bank.
- Sharp reported that 5th grade field days has been set for May 28 & 30th

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- Sharp & Diggins met with Amy Bjornjeld from Dana Cole, agreed to have treasurer's reports signed by board member and continue stamp declaration on checks.

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. Zach has been working on 2016-2017 BBR.

Tom and Zach presented state cost share applications for approval:

- M/S/P Eisenlohr, Sunderland to approve **Mike Bristle** (Leenthrop Sec 24) (13-06) application for a farmstead shelterbelt with a cost estimate of \$4045.00 (64% cost-share rate) or \$2588.80. Approve **Bennie Groen** (Stoneham Sec 36) (13-07) application for a field windbreak with a cost estimate of \$1693.00 (64% cost-share rate) or \$1083.52. Approve **Tom Palke** (Louriston Sec. 35) (13-05) application for a farmstead shelterbelt with a cost estimate of \$2800.00 (64% cost-share rate) or \$1792.00.

Tom discussed a cost share violation; he is working with the landowner to get it corrected.

Shantel's Report:

- Reported about being busy with 1026s; other programs on hold due to Farm Bill. Shantel discussed our plans for Women's Field Day. She has lined up Carrie Jennings, geologist, to speak June 19, 2014.

OTHER:

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting: May 5th, 2014 3:00 p.m. Courthouse