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**Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District
Regular Board Meeting
April 6, 2026**

Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, 629 N 11th St., Suite 7, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was called to order by Board Chair Steve Jacobson at 3:00 p.m.
 1. Members present: Steve Jacobson, Aaron Ahrenholz, Calin Eisenlohr, Michelle Overholser
 2. Others present: SWCD Staff- Desirae Jarett, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta; Chippewa County Commissioners Matt Gilbertson and Kurt Stranberg
2. M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve the agenda. All in favor.
3. M/S/P Ahrenholz, Eisenlohr approve the February meeting minutes. All in favor.
4. Bills were presented for ratification and payment.
5. **Discussion Items:**
 1. Zach gave an update on the CMRWP. Chippewa SWCD is now the Fiscal Administrator for the CMRWP with Renville SWCD as the Coordinator.
 2. A grant balance update was given by Desirae.
6. **Action Items:**
 1. Zach presented the CRWA Sub-Grant Agreement.
 - M/S/P Eisenlohr, Ahrenholz approve CRWA Sub-Grant Agreement as presented. All in favor.
 2. Zach discussed local Technical Approval Authority / Job Approval Authority for Practice Standard 512—Pasture and Hay Planting.
 - M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve current District Manager and District Technician local TAA/JAA Job Class V for Practice 512. All in favor.
 3. Zach presented the removal of a paragraph under cover crops and residue & tillage management in our Cost Share Policy due to no longer entertaining multi-year contracts.
 - M/S/P Ahrenholz, Eisenlohr approve cost share policy updates as presented and discussed. All in favor.
 4. Zach presented pasture and hay planting Practice 512 cost share contract CMRWP-062 for 60 acres in Lone Tree 35 at \$160/acre for 5 years, totaling \$48,000.
 - M/S/P Overholser, Ahrenholz approve cost share contract as presented. All in favor.
 5. Zach presented residue tillage management Practice 345 cost share contract CMRWP-063 for 961.7 acres throughout Rheiderland, Lone Tree, Stoneham, and Leenthrop at \$40/acre for 1 year, totaling \$38,468.
 - M/S/P Ahrenholz, Eisenlohr approve cost share contract as presented. All in favor.
 6. Desirae requested clothing allowance of \$200 per staff and supervisor.
 - M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve \$200 clothing allowance as presented. All in favor.
7. SWCD office/staff update report was given by Zach Bothun. Report is on file in the office.
8. Important Upcoming Dates were noted as follows:
 1. WCMASWCD Area 2 meeting, June 16, Location TBD
 2. Local Work Group Meeting, June 1, 2:00 pm Chippewa County Commissioner's Room
9. All other pertinent information was discussed.
10. Adjourn.
 1. M/S/P Overholser, Ahrenholz approve adjournment of meeting. All in favor.



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NEXT MEETING: June 1, 2026 at 3 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at Chippewa County Courthouse

Local Work Group Meeting will begin at 2:00 p.m.

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