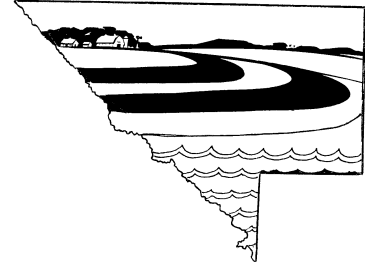


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## Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting December 19, 2022

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

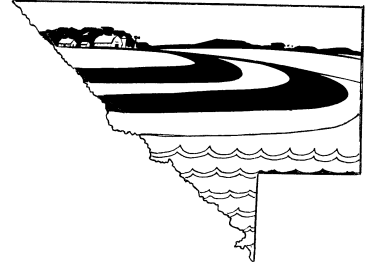
1. Meeting was **called to order** by Board Chair Steve Jacobson at 12:45 p.m.
  - Members **present**: Steve Jacobson, Calin Eisenlohr, Steve Sunderland, Jerry Schwitters, Michelle Overholser
  - Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Jarett, Tom Sletta, Zach Bothun; USDA staff: Shantel Lozinski, Mike Timmerman
2. M/S/P Eisenlohr, Schwitters approve the agenda. All in favor.
3. M/S/P Schwitters, Eisenlohr approve the November meeting minutes. All in favor.
4. Bills were presented for ratification & payment.
5. **USDA Report**
  - Shantel Lozinski: NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: CSP practice certification, records checks for 590/595, and seed tag checks for 340; finished up year of NASS crop reporting; EQIP checkout for cover crops, fence, and field checks; EQIP payments for grazing, fence, and cover crops; EQIP Ag Waste work going on north of Maynard—cement work was done earlier this fall, building is going up; worked on 1026s—backlog of 300; helping Kandiyohi with a box of CSP payments; will be acting in Big Stone likely until spring as DC moved to Wheaton; EQIP Olson/Tjosvold project emails, paperwork, archaeologist site visits, landowner/renter meeting planned and rescheduled; attended state DC meeting in St. Cloud; and attended joint NRCS/FSA compliance training. Shantel also noted that at end of year they had \$540,647 in new 2022 CSP obligations; 15 new 2023 EQIP applications, and they wrote just under 100 CRP plans in 2022 paying out over \$800,000.
6. **Staff Reports-**
  - **Technical Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: CMRWP TAC and JPB meetings--\$472k encumbered in first round of funding, some projects have been encumbered, switching over to HCWP's Heidi R. to be the contracting and sharing information amongst the partners and discussing how to streamline reporting, etc.; CRWA TAC meetings—TAC and sub committee meetings, in the middle of the planning phase for 1W1P and the WRAPS Public Participation Plan; worked with landowners on tree plans and seeding plans for next spring; prepped and attended a staff meeting and personnel committee meeting; WCA—violation site visits, GPS work and flagging with Tom W., TEP meeting for a highway reconstruction project and a Grace Township road tile installation adjacent to DNR protected wetlands; and attended MASWCD Annual Meeting and Tradeshow and SWCD Manager Training. Zach also noted that we may need to start thinking about updating our GPS equipment.
  - **District Technician**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: attended annual convention; worked on tree plans with landowners; worked on tree orders; working on next steps of Moon CREP Easement; worked on CREP & RIM wetlands proposals and scoring; working on Refsland RIM; parked equipment for winter; meeting for construction project for next year; buffer reviews—7 non-compliant parcels, 5 administrative penalty order fines will be issued 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, 1 owner is working with EQIP, and 1 corrective action has been issued; Sandven project checkout and payment; and worked on Olson/Tjosvold project.

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## 7. New Business

- Desirae discussed Campaign Financial Report and had 3 supervisors that were on the election ballot fill them out.
- Desirae discussed opportunity for official swearing in with Judge Van Hon on January 3, 2023. Three supervisors that were re-elected chose to swear in at our next board meeting instead.
- Desirae discussed January meeting date and time. Meeting will be held Monday, January 9 at 1 p.m. in Commissioner's Room.
- Desirae noted that supervisor expense reports are due and to submit them as soon as possible.
- Personnel committee discussed wage negotiations for staff.
  - M/S/P Overholser, Eisenlohr approve to raise all staff wages 30% effective January 1, 2023. All in favor.
- Steve Sunderland announced that he is resigning effective the end of this board meeting. Steve talked about the opportunities being a supervisor gave him and the changes and conservation he was able to see and be a part of over the last 34 years. Steve was first elected January 1988.

## 8. Adjourn

- M/S/P Schwitters, Sunderland move to adjourn. All in favor.

**Next Meeting:** January 9, 2023 at 1 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Chippewa County Courthouse  
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