



## Renville County SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting

March 11, 2021 8:00 am

Renville County Office Building

105 5th St, Olivia, MN 56277, Room 313 and virtually with GoToMeeting (see page two for virtual instructions)

Social distance and other in person CDC recommendation apply during this meeting.

Virtual, David Hamre, Richard Jepson, Mark Koenig

In the room- Kelly, Kokesch, Schroeder

# Minutes

- I. Call to Order 8:00am
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)
- III. Consent Agenda, Feb 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report, Kelly, Kokesch
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Operational items/Staff concerns
  2. South Fork CROW 1w1p, RFP Move to support applying for the next round of planning funding when the RFP opens, **Kelly, Koenig (MSC)**
  3. SWCD Lease, Kokesch reminded attendees the Board is driving this not staff, we need a mud room, need to look at the space more. Like option one, Tabled discussion till Administrator Hatlewick can gather more info.
- V. New Business:
  1. 2021 MASWCD Legislative Days March 18, 2021 10:00am-12pm, discussed the Boards schedule and their plans to attend.
    - a. Would like to show how much money we have leveraged from other sources into Renville County, large and small projects soil health and cover crops benefit on the landscape, living snow fence, collaboration now and historically, 1w1p. We will add to our handout
  2. April Board meeting date, move to April 9<sup>th</sup> 8:00am, in room 313 **Kelly, Koenig (MSC)**
- VI. Personnel Committee
  1. Kyle Richter – probation period, Richard extend full employment benefits and increased employment wage based on Personnel Committee recommendations (**Jepson, Kelly) MSC**
  2. Retroactively acceptance of Conservation Assistant resignation, wait and look at refilling late this year, **Kelly, Koenig (MSC)**.
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:45am
  1. Cost Share Programs, Jahnke Grassed WaterWay est. \$18,000.00, Kahout? Grassed Water Way est. \$1,800.00 est. SWCD would cost share 50%.
  2. Staff Reports, Dahl presented to the Board.



Dahl, cont.

Buffer Law

- Nutrient Cycling webinar training
- Agricultural Drainage training webinar

Agricultural Inspector

- New County Ag Inspector online training modules
- District 4 County Ag Inspector Meeting
- County Ag Inspector Directed Training provided by the MDA for all new inspectors

MAWQCP

- Signed application with Jeffrey Lingl
- Signed application with Thomas Lorang
- Application mailed out to Dean Schroeder

Other

- Instagram created, gaining popularity with 50 followers as of 3/1/2021
- Major overhaul for the website
- MN Soil Health Coalition training on small grains and herbicide timing
- Video filming, recording, and video edits and uploads to our YouTube channel: Soiled Undies and began works on the Legislature video

Hatlewick

1W1P

- Working on plan Goals, implementation schedule, plan narrative
- Preparing for 3/3/21 Policy Meeting, that Renville SWCD Hosted, with Kyle facilitating

Other

- Working with Dan Brauer on shed roof timeline and permits, possible start in March
- Worked on SWCD Hawk Creek Watershed newsletter, to be released early March
- MARL, several Peer Circle virtual meetings, and Regional Team meetings. Prepped for a highbred regional meeting in March. Due, to the virtual format, we are looking at a schedule change and adding dates for summer of 2021 and winter of 2022.
- Meeting with Limbo Creek petitioners, Renville County and DNR, discussions continue
- Preparing for local workgroup meeting, completed staff assessment of conservation goals for the future and for March 15<sup>th</sup> meeting discussion.
- Working with customer with on 2021 cover crop cost share program

Richter

CREP:

- '20 CRP1 are still a work in progress. FSA being in and out is not helping
- '19 CREP easements, 3 left to be recorded. 1 is are the attorneys waiting for a final title policy, 2 extensions have been requested. They should be in the home stretch in the next month
- '21 CREP signup is from April 12-April 30. Only 26 million dollars are available for payments in the 54 CREP eligible counties. Predominantly looking for CP2 WHPA



practices, and CP21 (Buffers) practices. Have Webinar March 15 to learn more about the sign up.

WCA:

- Wetland Road Bank RFP started on Feb. 22 and goes until April 7
- Have had meetings with a handful of landowners on this and put out a press release and information on the radio. Planning to have at least 5 applications.

NWF:

- Grant opportunity

1W1P:

- Holly and I completed thorough review of implementation document
- South Fork of Crow 1W1P update- Planning to be more involved in this going forward- Started meeting again in February
- State Cost Share:
- Starting to get designs from TSA on projects we surveyed last fall
- Planning to survey more sites once the snows off

Training:

- Working on courses for Conservation Planning Certificate through AgLearn and MNC3

Other:

- Newsletter going out next week

Survey is due on the April 5 and we will be launching Coffee and Conservation Livestream on April

3. NRCS Report- Jeff Kjorness, DC, see attached
4. Board Reports
  - a. Kelly, online training March 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Midwest Soil health Submit , Sarah Keough presented . U of MN rain garden presentations. BWSR Board meeting discussions around 1w1p, keep it moving.
  - b. Koenig, nothing to report
  - c. Schroeder, 1w1p meeting, the plan is progressing, but we need to keep it moving.
  - d. Kokesch, nothing to report
  - e. Jepson, nothing to report, but did share some details on southern pine management with the use of fire.
  - f. Commissioner Hamre, said he was still observing and agreed we need to keep moving forward with 1W1P.

VIII. Other

1. Summer intern, motion to grant the SWCD Administrator the authority to decide if we need one advertise and hire an intern if necessary, at her discretion. Jepson, **(Jepson, Koenig) MSC**
2. Amberg CREP 65-05-19-01 Petition, funded CREP app, wetland restoration that will impact county tile, reviewed plan. **Kelly, Koenig (MSC)**
3. Hawk Middle MN 1W1P JPC vs. JPE , Kyle presented, Board consensus was they are leaning toward a JPE at this time.

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4. MSRS- Koenig, amended his motion from Jan. 2021, to clarify the enrollment in MSRS Deferred Compensation Plan eligible timeline, employees are eligible to enroll after a satisfactory probationer period (**Koenig, Kokesch**) MSC
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
1. Local Work Group meeting March 15th
- X. Motion to adjourn, 9:55am Kokesch, Kelly (MSC)

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Thu, Mar 11, 2021 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CST)

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