



Renville County SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 8, 2021, 8:00 am

Renville County Office Building

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

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)
- III. Consent Agenda, June 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report
- IV. Old Business
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns
- V. New Business
 1. Preliminary 2022, Budget
- VI. Personnel Committee
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:30am
 1. Cost Share Programs
 - a. CREP 65-07-19-01 petition
 2. Staff Reports
 - a. Drone update- Ethan
 3. NRCS Report- Loren Clarke, DC
 4. Board Reports
- VIII. Other
 1. Review of Open Meeting Law
 2. Increased in stream bank erosion- Kyle
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
- X. Motion to adjourn.

Dates to Remember

Farm Fest Aug 3-5, 2021

Sept 14th Renville Hawk Creek Soil Health Field event

Next regular Board Meeting Aug 12, 2021, 8:00 am at 1008 W. Lincoln Ave, Olivia, MN

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
1008 West Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277
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Renville County SWCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Renville SWCD Monthly Board Meeting
Time: Jul 8, 2021 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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AGENDA, Notes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)
- III. Consent Agenda, June 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report
- IV. Old Business
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns, none to report at time of agenda preparation
- V. New Business
 1. Preliminary 2022, Budget, discuss drafted SWCD budget for 2022. We are schedule to present to the County Commissioners on 8/17/21 at 10:20am, in-person.
- VI. Personnel Committee
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:30am
 1. Cost Share Programs
 - a. CREP 65-07-19-01 petition, Kyle will present project for your consideration
 2. Staff Reports
 - a. Drone update- Ethan, will provide an update on our drone and show a brief video on its applications in our work.
 3. NRCS Report- Loren Clarke, DC, written report will be provided by Loren.
 4. Board Reports
- VIII. Other
 1. Review of Open Meeting Law, attached is an updated guidance on Open meeting Law as it related to virtual attendance of Board Members, see attached. No action needed.
 2. Increased in stream bank erosion- Kyle, we have had an increased number of calls about stream bank erosion in recent months. Discussion item.
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
- X. Motion to adjourn.

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Renville County SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 10, 2021, 8:00 am

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

Minutes

- I. Call to Order 8am
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)
- III. Consent Agenda, May 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report, **Kokesch Koenig (MSC)**
- IV. Old Business:
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns, none to report
- V. New Business:
 1. South Fork Crow 2021 Planning application MOA, **Kokesch, Jepson (MSC)**
- VI. Personnel Committee
 1. 2021 Annual Employee Reviews, recommendation of 4% increase for all employees based on performance for this period, **Jepson, Koenig (MSC)**
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:30am
 1. Cost Share Programs
 - a. Cover Crop Cost Share, county funds motion to use \$14,400 from county for cost share in 2021, and submit a request to the County Commissioners to use funds in this manner **Kokesch, Jepson (MSC)**
 2. Staff Reports

Holly Hatlewick

1W1P

- Draft Plan review
- Facilitated getting draft plan to the Advisory Committee
- South Fork Crow, MOA review

Other

- MARL, several Peer Circle virtual meetings.
- Area V & VI Farm Fest both planning
- Coordinating SWCD office space with Board, staff, and landlord
- Collaborating with Redwood SWCD on CIG grant
- MSHC Monthly Board meeting May 4th
- Renville County Road Tour May 28th

Ethan Dahl

Buffer Law

- Field verifications of buffer agreements that needed to be seeded by May 15th.
- 2 out of the 10 were found non-compliant still, turning them over to the county.
- Sending out VOCs for those deemed back in compliance.



Agricultural Inspector

- Working with the townships on the MDA grant for the wild parsnip
- Oversaw initial mowing and spraying of wild parsnip in Beaver Falls.

MAWQCP

- Working through the Assessment Tool on the 4 applicants

Other

- Coffee and Conservation Live Stream
- Renville County Road Tour
- Social Media posts
- Drill rentals
- Farm Fest meeting and coordinating schedule and website.
- Working Effectively with Organic Producers trainings
- Website edits and updates
- Drone Pilot Test/ Got my License.

Kyle Richter

CREP:

- '21 CREP is currently on hold. USDA announced in April that they are hoping to increase soil rental rates. I have 7 applications ready to be submitted when it opens. 2 other landowners have reached out and have interest.

WCA:

- Completed 2 Notice of Applications

1W1P:

- Hawk Creek Middle Minnesota helping Holly as needed
- South Fork of Crow 1W1P update- Had a planning meeting to go over the draft application. McCleod SWCD will be submitting on behalf of Buffalo Creek Watershed on June 11
- MOA needs to be signed at the board meeting

State Cost Share:

- Eric Madsen WASCOP completed
- Working with TSA to finalize plans for a stabilization project in Birch Cooley
- Surveyed a cattle crossing and waterway or wascob at Richard Jepsens

Training:

- Grassed waterway training in Fairbault
- Critical Area planting and riparian stabilization in Bemidji
- Grazing practices training
- Working effectively with Organic Producers



3. NRCS Report- Loren Clarke, DC, see attached written report
4. Board Reports
 - a. Mark Koenig Area VI \$1000 Miye Rydberg , \$500 Megan Jenson scholarships. Will also do the program next year.
 - b. Richard Jepson, no report
 - c. Kokesch, no report
 - d. Kelly, BWSR Board meeting, Nexus Soil Health meeting with Jerry Hatfield. NACD regional meeting, is participating.
 - e. Schroeder, attended Hawk Board meeting last week.
 - f. Commissioner Hamre
- VIII. Other
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
- X. Motion to adjourn 9:10am. **Jepson, Kokesch (MSC)**

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Renville County SWCD Staff Reports

July 2021

Holly Hatlewick

1W1P

- Draft Plan review
- Policy Committee meeting
- South Fork Crow, MOA review with County Board

Other

- MARL, several Peer Circle virtual meetings and three days in-person meeting, Thief River Fall June 23-25th
- Area V & VI Farm Fest both planning
- Cross training staff on Soil Health and completed onsite assessments
- Working with Hawk Creek to plan joint SWCD Hawk Creek Renville County Fair Booth
- Drafting 2022, SWCD budget and County Appropriation request

Ethan Dahl

Buffer Law

- Field verifications of 1/3rd of the county. Eastside of the county. All were deemed in compliance.
- Field verifications of specific ditches Austin at the county wanted verified.
- Updating BuffCAT with new field verifications

Agricultural Inspector

- Working with the townships on the MDA grant for the wild parsnip
- Noxious weed reports and checks for Camp 7&15, Boon Lake 23, Preston Lake 3, and Sacred Heart 8.

MAWQCP

- Additional funding for Ed G. for a grassed waterway
- Finishing work on the 4 current MAWQCP applications to become certified.
- 2 new applications submitted, Sue Capin and Brad Freyholtz

Other

- Coffee and Conservation Live Stream
- MNC3 Trainings
- Farm Fest meeting and coordinating schedule and website.

Kyle Richter

CREP:

- '21 CREP had 5 easement applications submitted
- Had 2 hearings for public drainage reroute
- Amberg petition was not received well to the public, working with BWSR engineers to design a plan that will be better suited
- RMS constructions completed
- Worked with landowners on seed plans and other implementation goals

RIM

- Designed and got approval for a haying plan and 2 grazing plans
- Working with DNR on a combined management of 3 RIM and a WMA (burn and graze potentially)

Road Bank:

- Site visit with TEP

WCA:

- Completed 3 Notice of Applications

1W1P:

- Hawk Creek Middle Minnesota helping Holly as needed
- South Fork of Crow 1W1P draft plan submitted on June 11

State Cost Share:

- Ed Gaasch preconstruction meeting

Soil Health

- Completed soil assessments at Susan Chapin-Strikes
- Completed soil assessments at Prairie Producers hemp facility



**Soil and Water Conservation District Board Meeting
June 2021
NRCS District Conservationist Report**

- We are working on hiring 2 additional Soil Conservationists in Redwood Falls.

EQIP

- No changes in EQIP preapprovals for all 3 counties. Minnesota did request \$4 million more in EQIP funds.
- The Redwood Falls Team is one of 3 Minnesota teams that was selected for the Climate Smart Ag EQIP pilot program. There is \$1 million available for Minnesota. Sign-up is limited to only select practices (Conservation Cover, Residue Management, Cover Crop, Grassed Waterways, and Nutrient Management are some of the most common ones we will be looking at in our team). Sign-up deadline is July 9 but applications already on file for the practices can just be rolled into this sign-up.
- Brown County received 1 MAWQCP RCPP application.
- Redwood County received 9 MAWQCP RCPP applications.
- Renville County received 2 MAWQCP RCPP applications.
- Brown, Redwood and Renville County currently have 49 active EQIP contracts.

CSP

- We are working on getting contracts developed and signed for the 5 preapproved CSP applications in Redwood and Renville County.
- Brown, Redwood and Renville County currently have 78 active CSP contracts.

CRP

- CRP is now open for sign-ups. General sign-up deadline is July 23, 2021. Continuous sign-up deadline is August 6, 2021.

REMOTE MEETINGS UNDER MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 13D.02

Meeting Date	Reason for remote participation	Is there a currently a state of emergency under Minn. Stat. § 12.31 or within 60 days of one ending?
July 1, 2021, or after	Advised by a health care professional against being in a public place for personal or family medical reasons	<p>Yes: Can participate at a location <i>not</i> open and accessible to the public <i>a maximum of three times per calendar year</i>; any additional remote participation must be at a location open and accessible to the public and notice of location must be given</p> <p>No: Location must be open and accessible to the public and notice of location must be given</p>
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	Any other reasons	Location must be open and accessible to the public and notice of location must be given