Renville Soil & Water Conservation District

1008 West Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277

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Regular Monthly Meeting	Date: Sept 14 2023 Time: 7:30 am-9:30 am	
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Location: Renville SWCD meeting roo		
	1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN	

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Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
3. Consent Agenda Aug & Sept Meeting Minutes, Aug & Sept treasurer's reports, and bills	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
 4. Old Business a) Operational items b) Updated Hometown signature card c) SWCD 2024 Budget update d) WIG- goal e) Josh Pommier - Pheasant Forever Biologist update 8:00am 	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
5. Personnel Committeea) SWCD Staffing assessment and needsb) Update on Conservation Agronomist	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
6. New Business a) CRP Agreement with Kandiyohi SWCD b) General Mills Proposal	DECISION	Administrator and Chair
7. Program Updates—8:20 am all employees, Team Building-Favorite fall activity, not including harvest? a) Programs and cost share 1. SFC 1W1P- 60day review letter (Richter) b) SWCD Staff Reports c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness d) Board reports	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support
8. Other	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair, all board, with staff support
9. Motion to adjourn	DECISION	

Next regular Board Meeting is Oct 12, 2023

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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

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Time: 7:30 am-9:30 am
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The Renville County Soil & Water Conservation District promotes sustainable use of water and soil resources through innovative and mutually beneficial conservation activities with local stakeholders.

Board Present: Dean Schroeder, Kevin Kokesch, Brad Nere, Phil Smith, Mark Koenig, Commissioner David Hamre,

Staff: Hatlewick, Richter, Albers, Meist

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
3. Consent Agenda	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
June Meeting Minutes, June treasurer's reports, and bills Kokesch, Smith MSC	S	Administrator
4. Old Business	UPDATE/	Chair and
a) Operational items	DISCUSSION/	Administrator
b) Strategic Planning session – update, reviewed with Board	DECISION	
revisit at Dec Board meeting after we connect with farmers	s.	
Coconscious on plan updates present by staff.		
5. Personnel Committee - Smith will replace Kelly on personnel	DISCUSSION/	Personnel
committee Kokesch, Kokesch MSC	DECISION	Committee
Hatlewick Leave request Kokesch, Smith MSC		
6. New Business	DECISION	Administrator
a) Draft- SWCD Aid resolution roll call vote all yaes,		and Resource
Kokesch, Koenig MSC		Conservationist
7. Program Updates-8:15 am all employees, Team Building-	DISCUSSION/	Chair with Staff
Favorite dessert?	DECISION	support
a) Programs and cost share, talked about CD 63 project.		
b) SWCD Staff Reports.		
Albers- Buffer inspection update end of June 75% is done.		
Lot of thistles call this year.		
Richer- SFC internal review completed and will be		
reviewing comments for approve on Aug 4th		
Meist-lots of training on soil health and plants ID		
Hatlewick- gave update on Clean Water Council Meeting		
c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness		
d) Board reports – Training email		
Smith- No report		
Koenig- Area VI meeting and TSA meeting		
Kokesch- got a parsnip weed complaint, Area VI meeting.		
Schroeder- attended Matt Tiffany field day		
8. Other	DISCUSSION/	Chair, all board
	DECISION	with staff suppo

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2024 Draft budget, in the works, SWCD Administrator authorized to submit draft to the County on the Boards behalf. Conservation agronomist -Farmward agreement, talk about hiring and interview committee Hatlewick, authorize Hatlewick to make employment selection an offer the position on behalf of the Board Kokesch, Smith MSC Vehicle Purchase-At this time focus on getting the fourth vehicle, authority to make vehicle purchases on the Boards behalf grant to SWCD Chair and Administrator Smith, Koenig MSC		
 9. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember a) July 26 Conservation Tour b) August 16 Soil Health Field Day- Granite Falls 	DISCUSSION	Chair with staff support
c) Board decided No Aug meeting at this time 10. Motion to adjourn – 9:38am Kokesch, Koenig MSC	DECISION	

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