



Board of Supervisors Meeting

Feb 11, 2021 8:00 am

Renville County Office Building

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

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

Minutes

- I. Call to Order 8:00am
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person) none
- III. Consent Agenda, Jan 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report: **Kelly, Kokesch (MSC)**
- IV. Old Business:
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns
- V. New Business:
 1. 2020 Audit, approve Peterson engagement letter , **Kevin, Kathryn (MSC)**
 2. 2021 Local Work Group Meeting , Board would prefer it be held in March
- VI. Personnel Committee
 1. PTO Form, motion to update the handbook to add "or", so either electronic leave or paper can be acceptable forms of request. **Kokesch, Jepson (MSC)**
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:45am
 1. Cost Share Programs
 - a. Kurth Dairy App 21-01, approved contract for funding **Kelly, Jepson (MSC)**
 - b. Staff Reports, see written reports

Ethan Dahl

Buffer Law

- Updated BuffCAT and all of our Validation of Compliance Records
- Buffer E-link reporting using RUSLE2
- Worked with Paul (BWSR) on different compliance questions and compliance standings
- Discovery Farms webinar on Tile Drainage effects

Agricultural Inspector

- Began County Ag Inspector Directed Training provided by the MDA for all new inspectors

MAWQCP

- Signed partnership agreement with Benny's Meat Market in Hector.
- Mailed out an application and information to Susan Slieter for her interest in the program.

Other

- Writing survey articles and assembling the different prizes for the winners.
- Video filming, recording, and video edits and uploads to our YouTube channel: SNIRT video, Tillage video, and Dust Bowl educational and demonstration video.



- Collected and mailed all our county volunteers precipitation data sheets to the state climatology office.

Kyle Richter

CREP:

- '20 CRP1 are slowly starting to come in. I helped NRCS and FSA with the process to make it go quicker
- '19 CREP easements, 3 left to be recorded. 1 is are the attorneys waiting for a final title policy, 1 is going to need an extension due to a death, and the last 1 may be cancelled due to the landowner's mortgage
- '21 CREP signup is from April 12-April 30. Only 10 million dollars are available for payments in the 54 CREP eligible counties. Predominantly looking for CP2 WHPA practices, and CP21 (Buffers) practices.

WCA:

- Possible RFP available for wetland restorations. Will be finding more out the end of the month
- Issues to NOD for two solar projects
- Submitted 2020 WCA Report

ELINK:

- Finished up all elink reporting for the numerous grants for the 2nd half of 2020

Morton Task Force:

- Involved in the process of helping downstream flooding issues in Morton
- Started delineating the sub watersheds in the area to determine areas where BMPs are needed

1W1P:

- Started getting involved in the 1W1P process

Training:

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

Kyle- talk about funding procedure state cost share. The Board wants us to stay with our same inhouse funding technique.

Holly Hatlewick

1W1P

- Working on plan Goals, and implementation schedule
- Preparing for 2/3/21 Policy Meeting, that Renville SWCD Hosted

Other

- County line sign, working on agreement with Kandiyohi SWCD for HWY 71
- Completed Elink reporting and reconciled grants as of 12/31/20
- Working with Dan Brauer on shed roof timeline and permits
- Worked on SWCD Hawk Creek Watershed newsletter, to be released in late Feb or early March



- MARL, January 20th -22nd, still virtual
- Working on learning the new time tracking
- Participated in the MDA Organic Conference
- Assisting with Morton Task Force discussions
- Meeting with Limbo Creek petitioners , Renville County and DNR , Kyle and I presented on BMP's that could benefit the area

2. NRCS Report- Jeff Kjorness, DC, see attached

3. Board Reports

- a. Kathryn, suggested we post on our local access, Soil Health meeting, 2/3 1w1p meeting
- b. Kevin, no report
- c. Dean, Hawk Creek Board meeting Heidi from Hawk did a good job updating the new Board, and 2/3 1w1p Policy meeting
- d. Richard, no report
- e. David Hamre, no report at this time

VIII. Other

1. MAWQCP update- Ethan, provided an update
2. MASWCD Leg Days, Jepson, Kokesch & Kelly plans to attend, other will notify administrator Hatlewick prior to the March 12th registration deadline.
3. Supervisor WebClock training

IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember

1. Remind Board to complete the anti-harassment course and data practices, they should have gotten an email on it.

X. Motion to adjourn **Kevin, Kathryn (MSC)** 9:22am

Dates to Remember

MN Soil Health Coalition Virtual Meetings, 17 & 24, 2021

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88355507688?pwd=UGFBaHVQM2oyWjNkVXU4YkRjZWNTUT09>

MN Soil Health Coalition Annual Planning Meetings, Feb 25, 2021

**Next regular Board Meeting March 11, 2021 at 105 5th St, Olivia,
MN 56277, Room 117 Olivia, MN**