



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: January 14, 2024
	Time: 7:30 am-9:30 am
	Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

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.

Present: Smith, Commissioner Hamre

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
I. Call to Order 7:30 am		Chair
II. Board Reorganization a) Election of Officers for 2024 Chair: Motion Nominate Smith as Chair for 2024 cease nominations and cast a unanimous ballot Koenig, Nere MSC Vice Chair: Nominate Nere as Vice Chair for 2024 cease nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot, Koenig, Kokesch MSC Treasurer: Nominate Kokesch as Treasurer for 2024, cease nominations, and cast a unanimous ballot, Koenig, Nere MSC b) Committee Assignments for 2024, Brad Nere, to approve as assigned unless the buffer committee is assigned, then will bring forward in Feb Kokesch, Koenig MSC c) Regular meeting Dates for 2024, Second Thursday of the month, 7:30 am, handout 2024 per diem chart Kokesch, Nere MSC d) Designation of Depositories 2024 leave as 2023 Nere, Kokesch MSC e) Signatory delegation 2024: The District Administrator is the delegated signatory authority for the SWCD Board of Supervisors for all BWSR financial obligations and programs and other agencies for grant administration and financial oversight of all SWCD business. Kokesch, Koenig MSC f) Capital fixed assets amount 2024, keep at \$5,000 Kokesch, Koenig MSC	DECISION	Chair
III. Citizen Comment Period (2 min per person)	INFO	
IV. Consent Agenda Nere, Koenig MSC Dec 2023 Meeting Minutes Treasurer's reports and bills to pay	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
V. Old Business a) Operational items	UPDATE	Chair and Administrator
VI. Personnel Committee Admin Assistant starts 1/17/23 Ana Dawn Update on the intern position announced	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee



<p>VII. New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2024 MASWCD Dues, the discussion was had, tabled to Feb meeting b) 2024 NACD Dues, motion to pay \$501.00, Kokesch, Nere MSC c) SWCD Strategic Plan 2024 updates, updated board d) Legislative Strategy: reach out to the legislature to see if we can set a virtual meeting with the board 	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>VIII. Team building–What is your favorite winter activity? - 8:30 am, all employees</p> <p>IX. Program Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Programs and cost share, Administrator approved BWSR Grant C24-0046 on behalf of Board, retroactive approval Kokesch, Nere MSC. b) SWCD Staff Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Richter</i>- tracking and ranking for WBIF and with USDA on the 1026 process <i>Hatlewick</i> - GM grant very close, print media, w-2's, MOSH meeting <i>Winzenburg</i> – Farmward meeting with Agronomist meeting, attended MASWCD annual meeting. c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness -written report d) Board reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Kokesch</i> – personnel committee in Dec 2023 <i>Koenig</i>- no activity to report <i>Nere</i>- no activity to report <i>Smith</i>- Assisted with the hiring of a new Admin Assistant <i>Commissioner Hamre</i>- will attend the drainage conference in Feb. 	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair with Staff support</p>
<p>X. Other</p> <p>Moved Feb Board meeting to Wednesday, Feb 7th, due to a conflict</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>XI. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Renville SWCD/Redwood County Emerald Ash Bore informational meeting on January 12th b) Jan 26th, Feed the Soil, SWCD/Hawk meeting Sacred Heart c) Hawk Creek Watershed annual meeting Feb 15th Renville 	<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Chair with staff support</p>
<p>XII. Motion to adjourn 9:43 am</p>	<p>DECISION</p>	<p>Kevin, Koenig MSC</p>

Next regular Board Meeting February 7, 2024