

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: Dec 14, 2023
	Time: 7:30 am-10 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.

Attended: Smith, Nere, Kokesch, Koenig, Commissioner Hamre, guests

Staff: Hatlewick, Richter, Winzenburg

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
3. Consent Agenda Nov Meeting Minutes, Nov treasurer's reports, and bills paid Koenig, Nere MSC	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
4. Old Business a) Operational items b) Strategic Planning session 2024 –Authorize Administrator Hatlewick to move forward with Shelly Schell on contracting for a strategic plan in Jan -March 2024, Koenig, Nere MSC	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
5. Personnel Committee a) Employee mid-year reviews, the personnel committee offered positive comments about the employee’s work. b) Agronomist training- retroactive approval for an employee to attend out-of-state training Kokesch, Koenig MSC c) Staffing 2024 COL for 2024 6% Nere, Koenig MSC Authorize Administrator Hatlewick to aggressively pursue the money for soil health funding, as appropriate, to advance the Renville SWCD on behalf of the SWCD Koenig, Kokesch MSC . d) 2024 Handbook updates, Board review at a workshop on 12/19/23, then delegate to personnel committee to approve by 12/31/23 Koenig, Kokesch MSC	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
6. New Business a) SWCD Election schedule – Resolution 06-23, Kokesch, Koenig MSC roll call 4 Yeas. b) SFC CWMP Resolution 05-23 Kokesch, Koenig MSC roll call 4 Yeas c) NACD Annual meeting, Approval Staff to attend Koenig, Kokesch MSC d) Renville County Service Agreement, motion to approve Nere, Koenig MSC e) SWCD plot rental contracts, motion to approve Koenig, Kokesch MSC	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist



<p>7. Program Updates– 8:30 am, all employees. Team Building questions: What is your favorite part of the holiday season?</p> <p>a) Programs and cost share -update on cc inspections for fall -2023 Ag Inspector report and 2024 Work Plan Kokesch, Koenig MSC -CMRWP contract updates – CMRWP-04 Amendment retroactive approval of addendum Kokesch, Koenig MSC</p> <p>b) SWCD Staff Reports. Hatlewick- -Pam’s writeup -MASWCD Convention update: conservation farmer attended Richter- MDA grant, Presented at MN County meeting, clean water grant funded Winzenburg- Working on winter meeting, cover crop cost share inspection, Attended MASWCD area meeting.</p> <p>c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness d) Board reports Kokesch- attended the Area VI meeting and personnel committee meeting. Koenig- attended the Nov 27th SFC public meeting, participated at the Area VI meeting. Nere- Attended Area VI meeting Smith- presented at MSHC meeting Dec 5th & 6th on Soil Health</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair with Staff support</p>
<p>8. Other a) Dec special meeting Dec 19th, 1 pm, SWCD Handbook Jan 26th meeting</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair, all board, with staff support</p>
<p>b) Upcoming meetings and dates to remember. a) AMC Drainage Conference Feb 7-8th</p>	<p>DISCUSSION</p>	<p>Chair with staff support</p>
<p>c) Motion to adjourn Koenig, Nere MSC 9:46am</p>	<p>DECISION</p>	

The next regular Board Meeting is Jan 11, 2024