



Renville County SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting, **Minutes**

**May 13, 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)**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)
- III. Consent Agenda, April 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report, motion to approve **Kelly, Koenig (MSC)**
- IV. Old Business:
  1. Operational items/Staff concerns
- V. New Business:
  1. SWCD Cell policy, approve draft SWCD Cell phone policy as presented **Kokesch, Jepson (MSC)**
  2. Trimble upgrade TSC5, approved upgrade estimate for \$6,073.45 **Kelly, Koenig (MSC)**
  3. South Fork Crow 2021 Planning application MOA, materials not available for review yet, table for June meeting
  4. SWCD Drone, approve estimate \$2,038.00 to purchase Mavic 2 Pro Jepson, Koenig (MSC) Discussed Administrators authorization rate for discretionary purchase limits. Motion to increase to \$5,000 roll call vote, Kokesch-no, Jepson - yes, Koenig- yes, Kelly-yes, Schroeder-yes, vote passed by majority **Jepson, Kelly (MSC)**
  5. Media Policy, Kevin, Mark
- VI. Personnel Committee
  1. Administrators Review, entire Board will complete a performance survey then personnel committee review summary of results and meet with the Administrator to complete in-person review. Board will complete by 5/26/21.
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:30am
  1. Cost Share Programs
    - a. Madsen Contract 21-03, motion to approve \$4,500 at 50% **Jepson, Koenig (MSC)**
    - b. Kahout Contract 21-02, motion to approved \$3500 at 50% cost share, **Kevin, Mark (MSC)**
  2. Staff Reports

**Ethan Dahl**

Buffer Law

- Working with Paul and Austin on some buffer questions
- Buffer Redetermination checking for Tom Hagen
- Working on a VOC for Patrick Henneberry

Agricultural Inspector

- Proctoring Pesticide Applicator Testing over at the county.
- Working with the townships on the MDA grant for the wild parsnip
- Emerald Ash Borer Webinar



MAWOCP

- Initial Inspection for Richard Jepson
- Initial Inspection for Dean Schroder
- Initial Inspection for Jeff Lingl
- Solo Initial Inspection with Thomas Lorang
- Working through the Assessment Tool

Other

- Coffee and Conservation Live Streams
- Work on Children's Activity for Fall Field Day
- Shed Cleanup and material disposal.
- Drill spring preparation and renting
- Website edits and updates
- Drone Pilot Training

**Kyle Richter**

CREP:

- '20 CREP 3 Easements were signed last month. I have various easements at different stages.
- '19 CREP easements, 2 left to be recorded.
- '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.

WCA:

- Completed a site visit at Nacker Hollow Wetland bank by Franklin.

1W1P:

- Completed preliminary review of entire document.
- South Fork of Crow 1W1P update- Had a planning meeting- The application will be submitted in June-Buffalo Creek Watershed will be supplying us a draft MOA to submit

State Cost Share:

- Gary Kahout waterway bids were sent out.
- Working with Hawk Creek on a WASCOD Project

Training:

- Finished my online training for AgLearn courses. Waiting for USDA in person trainings
- Participated in a Prescribed burn training. Very Beneficial

Other:

- Signed up for a In person training up in Bemidji for critical area plantings and riparian stabilization
- Coffee and Conservation was very good again.

**Holly Hatlewick**

Updated Board on remodel timeline, shed update for repairs.

1W1P

- Steering Team meeting 4/14



- Plan review of completed draft of Hawk Creek Middle MN planning area
- MOA

Other

- MARL, several Peer Circle virtual meetings. Due, to the virtual format, we are looking at a schedule change and adding dates for summer of 2021 and winter of 2022. Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup>, all day virtual.
- Started planning fall Soil Health workshop with SWCD & Hawk staff
- Working with landlord on lease update
- Franklin erosion site visit with GSI Engineer and Area II technical staff to evaluate.
- 2021 Cover Crop and Reduce Tillage cost share work on policy, forms, and contract development.
- CD77 meeting with partners and shareholders 4/19

Training

- NORA Symposium 4/22
- BWSR Grants training 4/15
- Soil Health Economics 4/29

3. NRCS Report- Loren Clarke, DC
4. Board Reports
  - a. Commissioner Hamre updated Board on County Activities.
  - b. Kelly, 1w1p meeting, Board Meeting, UMASH Ag safety session, economic climate change, ag policy meeting.
  - c. Koenig, worked on Area VI business, looking at in-person meeting in New Ulm. Scholarship program had a rush of applications 6 app, will share with subcommittee for final selection. Get Mark our feedback by 5/20
  - d. Jepson, No report
  - e. Kevin, thank staff for their work on Franklin erosion.
  - f. Schroeder, reviewing 1w1p draft.

VIII. Other

1. Per-Diem Hub discussed some board member need the hub email resent.

IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember.

- X. Motion to adjourn, **Kevin and Mark (MSC) 9:40am**

**Dates to Remember**

Farm Fest Aug 3-5, 2021

Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Soil Health Field Day Renville County

**Next regular Board Meeting June 10, 2021, 8:00am at 1008 W. Lincoln Ave, Olivia, MN**

**Renville Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**1008 West Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277**  
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