



March 8th, 2022, Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting, Minutes

7:30 am, Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

Board present; Kevin Kokesch, Kathryn Kelly, Dean Schroeder, Mark Koenig, no present Phil Smith
Guests Marc Iverson, Joe Greibe McLeod SWCD

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person) none present
- III. Consent Agenda, Feb.2022 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report **Kelly, Kokesch MSC**
- IV. Old Business
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns, none to report
- V. New Business
 1. Redistricting - Marc Iverson, Renville County Auditor, presented on proposed redistricting of the county, a public notice is required and need to hold a public hearing by April 26th, Motion public hearing, 8 am April 14th **Kelly, Koenig MSC**
 2. SWCD Priorities- MASWCD request 2.14.22 discussed adding goals around expanding education on climate adaptation, climate warming, climate market, youth education. More emphasis on field windbreaks and promotion of financial incentives. MN river valley erosion and MN river. More promotion of pollinator habitat and legumes. Solar farmers for conservation
 3. 2022 Local Work Group meeting. Maybe look at a combo meeting both virtual and in the room. The meeting will be held on June 9th at 10 am. Loren Clarke with NRCS, the meeting announcement could be put on gov divider once prepared.
- VI. Personnel Committee
 1. Conservation Agronomist position, Motion to grant Administrator Hatlewick authority to pressure and sign on the Board behalf for grant development and negotiations **Koenig, Kokesch MCS**
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting at 8:00 am
 1. Programs and Cost Share, not updates
 2. Reports
 - a. Dahl, pesticide testing going well in the office space, two new MAWQCP certified in April. See attached for full details
 - b. Richter, completed nutrient management plans in the April course, decided not to apply for the Water Retention pilot, will still look at clean water funds for 2022. We discussed NFWF and ADM grant incentive programs. There will be a CREP signup from April 4th to 29th. See attached for complete details.
 - c. Hatlewick, Update on 1w1p Draft policy sent to the entire staff for final review and contract for service progress. Motion; one signature required at Hometown Bank for all transactions **Kelly, Koenig MSC** updated Hometown and FM Bank signature cards.



3. NRCS Report, USDA Civil Rights Checklist- Loren Clarke, see attached MAWQCP no loners gives priority points. But gives customers another pot Motion to approve checklist **Kelly, Kokesch MSC**
 4. Board Reports
 - a. Kelly, February 16th discovery farms meeting online
 - b. Kokesch, no report
 - c. Smith, not present
 - d. Koenig, assisting in planning the next Area VI meeting April 6th, on the Agenda election of officers and discussion of the number of in-person meetings vs. virtual
 - e. Schroeder, Policy 1w1p meet
 - f. Commissioner Hamre, not present
- VIII. Other
1. April SWCD meeting date, April 14th Hatlewick Relayed to Board there could be no treasures report for April as she will be gone to a MARL seminar from March 29th to April 13th.
 2. Blue Cross Vision, Motion: provide for employees Blue Vision and Board members would be eligible to take directly from their per diem if they choose to enroll **Kelly, Koenig MSC**
 3. Redwood SWCD Contract for Service entertain contract for service to assist with the April 2022 CREP sign-up **Kokesch, Kelly MSC**
 4. Area VI meeting April 6th New Ulm, who plans to attend, need to RSVP to Holly by March 15th
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
1. MASWCD Legislative Briefing March 9th & 10th appts at 11:30am & 12:30pm
 2. Hawk Annual meeting Renville 3/9/22
- X. Motion to adjourn Kokesch, Kelly 9:55 am

**Next regular Board Meeting April 14th at the SWCD Office 1008 W
Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN**