



Renville County SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting

July 8, 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)

Attendee: Kathryn Kelly, Richard Jepson, Kevin Kokesch, Mark Koenig, Dean Schroeder
Commissioner David Harme
Staff: Hatlewick, Dahl & Richter

Minutes

- I. Call to Order
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person) none present
- III. Consent Agenda, June 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report, **Koenig, Kelly (MSC)**
- IV. Old Business
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns, none to report
- V. New Business
 1. Preliminary 2022, Budget, Motion; approve draft budget and Authorize SWCD Administrator to adjust based on SWCD funding sources. **Koenig, Kokesch (MSC)**
- VI. Personnel Committee, Administrator Hatlewick discussed position reviews and Aug Personnel committee meeting
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:30am, Kyle Richter & Ethan Dahl
 1. Cost Share Programs
 - a. CREP 65-07-19-01 petition Richter presented the project to the Board, moved to move forward with the potion for Joel Johnson's CREP restoration **Kelly, Kokesch (MSC)**
 2. Staff Reports

Hatlewick

1W1P

- Draft Plan review
- Policy Committee meeting
- South Fork Crow, MOA review with County Board

Other

- MARL, several Peer Circle virtual meetings and three days in-person meeting, Thief River Falls June 23-25th
- Area V & VI Farm Fest both planning
- Cross training staff on Soil Health and completed onsite assessments
- Working with Hawk Creek to plan joint SWCD Hawk Creek Renville County Fair Booth
- Drafting 2022, SWCD budget and County Appropriation request
- Mention district rezoning. Will update the Board when I learn more
- Provided update on remodel, nothing has started yet

Dahl



Buffer Law

- Field verifications of 1/3rd of the county. Eastside of the county. All were deemed in compliance.
- Field verifications of specific ditches Austin at the county wanted verified.
- Updating BuffCAT with new field verifications.

Agricultural Inspector

- Working with the townships on the MDA grant for the wild parsnip
- Noxious weed reports and checks for Camp 7&15, Boon Lake 23, Preston Lake 3, and Sacred Heart 8

MAWQCP

- Additional funding for Ed G. for a grassed waterway
- Finishing work on the 4 current MAWQCP applications to become certified
- 2 new applications submitted, Sue Capin and Brad Freyholtz

Other

- Coffee and Conservation Live Stream
- MNC3 Trainings
- Farm Fest meeting and coordinating schedule and website

Richter

CREP:

- '21 CREP had 5 easement applications submitted
- Had 2 hearings for public drainage reroute
- Amberg petition was not received well to the public, working with BWSR engineers to design a plan that will be better suited
- RMS constructions completed
- Worked with landowners on seed plans and other implementation goals

RIM

- Designed and got approval for a haying plan and 2 grazing plans
- Working with DNR on a combined management of 3 RIM and a WMA (burn and graze potentially)

Road Bank:

- Site visit with TEP

WCA:

- Completed 3 Notice of Applications

1W1P:

- Hawk Creek Middle Minnesota helping Holly as needed
- South Fork of Crow 1W1P draft plan submitted on June 11

State Cost Share:

- Ed Gaasch preconstruction meeting

Soil Health

- Completed soil assessments at Susan Chapin-Strikes
- Completed soil assessments at Prairie Producers hemp facility



- a. Drone update- Ethan, discussed with the Board how useful it's been and times we have needed it
 3. NRCS Report- Loren Clarke, DC, see attached report, no NRCS present
 4. Board Reports
 - a. Kelly, 1w1p Policy meeting on June 17th
 - b. Koenig, TSA meeting late June
 - c. Jepson, some conversation about getting Renville growers together to have erosion conversation
 - d. Kokesch, nothing to report
 - e. Schroeder, 1w1p Policy meeting June 17th, discussed the development of the Board structure going forward and drafting the JPA. Next meeting on July 14th
 - f. Commissioner Hamre mentioned the Hawk Middle MN 1w1p plan is out for a 30 day review. No other comments
- VIII. Other
1. Review of Open Meeting Law, talk about Aug meeting Board wishes to continue to meet at county through Nov or until their new meeting room is ready. A Personnel committee will be at the SWCD office on Aug 12th, after the regular Board meeting.
 2. Increased in stream bank erosion- Kyle, discussed concerned of customers for erosion and what policy changes and legislation are needed to make change. Kathryn, do we look at a resolution, and engage other counties with this, can we get U of MN involved, ask MASWCD if we can do anything to make this policy change. The office will discuss with other SWCD's and partners and report back at a later date.
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
1. Land Use Conference July 21 & 22, Kathryn will attend
- X. Motion to adjourn 9:53am, **Kokesch, Kelly (MSC)**

Dates to Remember

Farm Fest Aug 3-5, 2021

Sept 14th Renville Hawk Creek Soil Health Field event

Next regular Board Meeting Aug 12, 2021, 8:00 am at 105 5th St, Olivia, MN 56277, Room 313

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Topic: Renville SWCD Monthly Board Meeting
Time: Jul 8, 2021 08:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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