Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: September 10th 2026
	Time: 7:30 am-11:00 am 9:30am-11am Museum tour
	Location: Renville County Historical Society & Museum 441 N Park Dr, Morton, MN

Board- Kokesch, Koenig, Nere, Seehausen, Smith
Staff- Hatlewick, Hoaglund, Schroeder, Winzenburg

Agenda Items	**Purpose**	**Presenter**
1. Call to Order 7:35am		Chair
2. Approval of Agenda **Koenig, Nere MSC**	DECISION	Chair
3. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
4. Consent Agenda August Meeting Minutes, July & August treasurer's reports, and bills paid	**Nere, Kokesch MSC**	Chair and Administrator
5. Old Business a) Drone seeding program: a decision, table till Oct meeting **Nere, Kokesch MSC.**	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
6. Personnel Committee a) Staffing update – motion if vacancy is not filled, the Resource Conservationist personnel committee is authorized to re-advertise at grade 11 without the Level I Planner requirement. **Kokesch, Koenig MSC** b) Hatlewick leave requests – approved, **Koenig, Kokesch MSC** c) Staff recognition – SWCD has been dealing with a staff shortage. Employees have been expected to continue to provide services during this shortage. The SWCD Board authorizes a one-time additional 8 hours of vacation for all full-time employees scheduled to work forty hours per week, employed as of July 31, 2026, and continuing in full-time status through September 20, 2026. Nov 25, 4hrs off in the afternoon and 4 hrs in the morning of Dec 24th **Nere, Kokesch MSC**	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
7. New Business a) SWCD Drill – Table till March 2027, **Nere, Kokesch MSC** b) Amendment contracts 65-4-1 approve to reduce contract amount down to $92,700 **Nere, Kokesch, MSC** & 65-9-2 approve to reduce contract amount down to $33,110.00 **Koenig, Kokesch MSC** c) Technical Approval Authority Well Decommissioning – Schroeder – Grant Colby Schroeder Technical Approval Authority MN Statutes Chapter 103I for well sealings with a 10-year lifespan. **Nere, Kokesch MSC** d) SFCR-002 alteration- Contract holder lost control of rented land contract funds for two years of prior payment need to be	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist

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returned. Repayment of $80 per acre for the 260.65 acres, resulting in a repayment of $20,852, due to the SWCD by 11/1/26, or additional damages will be assessed. **Nere, Koenig MSC**		
8. Program Updates– **8:20 am, all employees.** Team Building question: What was the first thing you remember buying with your own money? a) Programs and cost share 1) South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCR) update 2) Contract updates – written report b) SWCD Staff Reports Hatlewick- CD59 & JD63 drainage hearing, SFC administration, working on filling vacant positions. Thank Hamre for support during appropriation meeting. Hoaglund-RIM inspections complete for 2026, helping with Drone seeding Schroeder-drone seeding over ac completed; sent bids out for some WASCOB for fall 2026 construction Winzenburg- nonstructural contract work, working on 8th grade coursework. RCW Sept, CMCS in Oct c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness- Written report d) Board reports & prior reflection **Kokesch**- 9/1 attended Area VI meeting and tour, reflection talked about the SWCD plot and vision, job vacancy discussion. TSA meeting scheduled for 9/17, plans to attend **Koenig**- 9/1 attended Area VI meeting and tour, impressed with SWCD staff professionalism **Nere**- serving on Admin interviews round one Seehausen-excused **Smith-** serving on Resource Conservationist hiring committee, appreciating what the Board and staff have been working through the last few months; we have good people **Commissioner Hamre** -building update provided; Skalbekken Park progressing. County had so make appropriation cuts due to budget constraints	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support
9. Other a) Team building and tour of Museum b) Hawk Creek Shared equipment- Approved Hawk Creeks 5/20/26 proposal to divide shared equipment, if not agreeable, leave all equipment where it is today and be done. **Kokesch, Koenig MSC**	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair, all board, with staff support

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10. Motion to adjourn, motion to adjourn at the end of historical society tour **Nere, Kokesch MSC**	DECISION	

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Next Board Meeting, October 8th, 2026 7:30am at the SWCD office
- MASWCD Convention Nov 30-Dec 2nd

Chair Signature

10-8-26
date