

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: Sept 14 2023
	Time: 7:30 am-9:30 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.

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
3. Consent Agenda July & Aug Meeting Minutes, Aug & Sept treasurer's reports, and bills Koenig, Kokesch MSC	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
4. Old Business a) Operational items, none to report b) Updated Hometown signature card, passed around for signature c) SWCD 2024 Budget update discussed d) WIG- goal # of water and snacks to deliver to farmers this fall- 50 new customers by the end of the Calander year. e) Josh Pommier - Pheasant Forever Biologist update 8:00 am, arrived at 7:44 am \$3250. 00 Renville share of Shared Biologist with Redwood County. Motions participate with the share position amount of contribution contingent upon Redwood's contribution to the partnership Kokesch, Smith MSC	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
5. Personnel Committee a) SWCD Staffing assessment and needs, Approved position description for Administrative Assistant as either part-time or full-time, move forward with advertising and authorize SWCD Administrator to make an offer of employment once funding becomes available Smith, Koenig MSC b) Update on Conservation Agronomist: position offer to a potential employee, waiting for acceptance	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
6. New Business a) CRP Agreement with Kandiyohi and Chippewa SWCDs, after Kandiyohi SCWD Approves, the Chair can approve sign if no Oct Board Meeting Kokesch, Koenig MSC b) General Mills Proposal, Discussion was held	DECISION	Administrator and Chair
7. Program Updates– 8:20 am all employees , Team Building- Favorite fall activity, not including harvest? a) Programs and cost share	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support

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<p>1. SFC 1WIP- 60-day review letter (Richter), verbal update to the Board.</p> <p>b) SWCD Staff Reports <u>Richter</u>- Submitted a clean water fund grant application for \$775,000, on CD 59 system. 1900# per yr. N. reduction. <u>Albers</u>- attended Conservation Planning training and has some Ag Inspector calls on EAB. <u>Hatlewick</u>- updated Board our new BCand Road tour folder</p> <p>c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness, written report attached</p> <p>d) Board reports Kokesch- suggested we try and host a meeting in Nov., maybe in Franklin some type of open house about EAB. Asked for discussion on Administrator Hatlewick role on the Clean Water Council. Koenig- Jul 25 Conservation Tour was good; compliment staff on work on the tour. Smith- attended Faribault field day Nere- No report Schroeder- Working with staff on personal Scott Refsland – talked about Ag BMP loan program.</p>		
<p>8. Other a) 2022 Draft audit- Approve Draft Koenig, Smith MSC</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair, all Board, with staff support</p>
<p>9. Motion to adjourn Nere, Koenig, MSC 10:11am</p>	<p>DECISION</p>	

Next regular Board Meeting is Oct 12, 2023, 6:30am