

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: July 13, 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.

Board Present: Dean Schroeder, Kevin Kokesch, Brad Nere, Phil Smith, Mark Koenig, Commissioner David Hamre,

Staff: Hatlewick, Richter, Albers, Meist

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
3. Consent Agenda June Meeting Minutes, June treasurer's reports, and bills Kokesch, Smith MSC	DECISION	Chair and Administrator
4. Old Business a) Operational items b) Strategic Planning session – update, reviewed with Board revisit at Dec Board meeting after we connect with farmers. Coconscious on plan updates present by staff.	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
5. Personnel Committee - Smith will replace Kelly on personnel committee Kokesch, Kokesch MSC Hatlewick Leave request Kokesch, Smith MSC	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
6. New Business a) Draft- SWCD Aid resolution roll call vote all yaes, Kokesch, Koenig MSC	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist
7. Program Updates– 8:15 am all employees , Team Building- Favorite dessert? a) Programs and cost share, talked about CD 63 project. b) SWCD Staff Reports. Albers- Buffer inspection update end of June 75% is done. Lot of thistles call this year. Richer- SFC internal review completed and will be reviewing comments for approve on Aug 4th Meist-lots of training on soil health and plants ID Hatlewick- gave update on Clean Water Council Meeting c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness d) Board reports – Training email Smith- No report Koenig- Area VI meeting and TSA meeting Kokesch- got a parsnip weed complaint, Area VI meeting. Schroeder- attended Matt Tiffany field day	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support
8. Other	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair, all board, with staff support

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<p>2024 Draft budget, in the works, SWCD Administrator authorized to submit draft to the County on the Boards behalf. Conservation agronomist -Farmward agreement, talk about hiring and interview committee Hatlewick, authorize Hatlewick to make employment selection an offer the position on behalf of the Board Kokesch, Smith MSC</p> <p>Vehicle Purchase- At this time focus on getting the fourth vehicle, authority to make vehicle purchases on the Boards behalf grant to SWCD Chair and Administrator Smith, Koenig MSC</p>		
<p>9. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) July 26 Conservation Tour b) August 16 Soil Health Field Day- Granite Falls c) Board decided No Aug meeting at this time 	DISCUSSION	Chair with staff support
<p>10. Motion to adjourn – 9:38am Kokesch, Koenig MSC</p>	DECISION	

Next regular Board Meeting is Sept 14, 2023