



Renville County SWCD Board of Supervisors Meeting

June 10, 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)

Social distance and other in person CDC recommendation apply during this meeting.

Minutes

- I. Call to Order 8am
- II. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)
- III. Consent Agenda, May 2021 Meeting Minutes, Bills, and Treasurer's Report, **Kokesch Koenig (MSC)**
- IV. Old Business:
 1. Operational items/Staff concerns, none to report
- V. New Business:
 1. South Fork Crow 2021 Planning application MOA, **Kokesch, Jepson (MSC)**
- VI. Personnel Committee
 1. 2021 Annual Employee Reviews, recommendation of 4% increase for all employees based on performance for this period, **Jepson, Koenig (MSC)**
- VII. Program Updates- All staff join the meeting 8:30am
 1. Cost Share Programs
 - a. Cover Crop Cost Share, county funds motion to use \$14,400 from county for cost share in 2021, and submit a request to the County Commissioners to use funds in this manner **Kokesch, Jepson (MSC)**
 2. Staff Reports

Holly Hatlewick

1W1P

- Draft Plan review
- Facilitated getting draft plan to the Advisory Committee
- South Fork Crow, MOA review

Other

- MARL, several Peer Circle virtual meetings.
- Area V & VI Farm Fest both planning
- Coordinating SWCD office space with Board, staff, and landlord
- Collaborating with Redwood SWCD on CIG grant
- MSHC Monthly Board meeting May 4th
- Renville County Road Tour May 28th

Ethan Dahl

Buffer Law

- Field verifications of buffer agreements that needed to be seeded by May 15th.
- 2 out of the 10 were found non-compliant still, turning them over to the county.
- Sending out VOCs for those deemed back in compliance.

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Agricultural Inspector

- Working with the townships on the MDA grant for the wild parsnip
- Oversaw initial mowing and spraying of wild parsnip in Beaver Falls.

MAWQCP

- Working through the Assessment Tool on the 4 applicants

Other

- Coffee and Conservation Live Stream
- Renville County Road Tour
- Social Media posts
- Drill rentals
- Farm Fest meeting and coordinating schedule and website.
- Working Effectively with Organic Producers trainings
- Website edits and updates
- Drone Pilot Test/ Got my License.

Kyle Richter

CREP:

- '21 CREP is currently on hold. USDA announced in April that they are hoping to increase soil rental rates. I have 7 applications ready to be submitted when it opens. 2 other landowners have reached out and have interest.

WCA:

- Completed 2 Notice of Applications

1W1P:

- Hawk Creek Middle Minnesota helping Holly as needed
- South Fork of Crow 1W1P update- Had a planning meeting to go over the draft application. McCleod SWCD will be submitting on behalf of Buffalo Creek Watershed on June 11
- MOA needs to be signed at the board meeting

State Cost Share:

- Eric Madsen WASCOD completed
- Working with TSA to finalize plans for a stabilization project in Birch Cooley
- Surveyed a cattle crossing and waterway or wascob at Richard Jepsens

Training:

- Grassed waterway training in Fairbault
- Critical Area planting and riparian stabilization in Bemidji
- Grazing practices training
- Working effectively with Organic Producers

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3. NRCS Report- Loren Clarke, DC, see attached written report
4. Board Reports
 - a. Mark Koenig Area VI \$1000 Miye Rydberg , \$500 Megan Jenson scholarships. Will also do the program next year.
 - b. Richard Jepson, no report
 - c. Kokesch, no report
 - d. Kelly, BWSR Board meeting, Nexus Soil Health meeting with Jerry Hatfield. NACD regional meeting, is participating.
 - e. Schroeder, attended Hawk Board meeting last week.
 - f. Commissioner Hamre
- VIII. Other
- IX. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember
- X. Motion to adjourn 9:10am. **Jepson, Kokesch (MSC)**

Dates to Remember

Farm Fest Aug 3-5, 2021
Sept 14th Renville Hawk Creek Soil Health Field event

**Next regular Board Meeting July 8, 2021, 8:00 am at 1008 W.
Lincoln Ave, Olivia, MN**

Renville County SWCD is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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