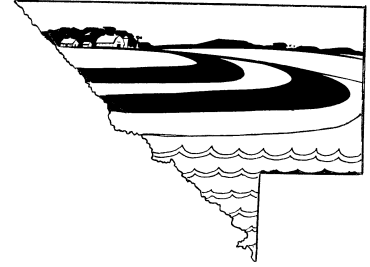


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Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District Regular Board Meeting February 6, 2023

Minutes of the Chippewa Soil and Water Conservation District, Courthouse, NRCS/SWCD office, Montevideo, MN 56265.

1. Meeting was **called to order** by Board Chair Jerry Schwitters at 3:05 p.m.
 - Members **present**: Steve Jacobson, Jerry Schwitters, Calin Eisenlohr
2. Others **present**: SWCD staff: Desirae Jarett, Zach Bothun, Tom Sletta; NRCS staff: Shantel Lozinski; County Commissioners: Candice Jaenisch and Matt Gilbertson
3. M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr approve the agenda. All in favor.
4. M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr approve the January meeting minutes. All in favor.
5. Bills were presented for ratification & payment.
6. **NRCS Report**-Shantel Lozinski:
 - NRCS monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: CSP mods and payments to 2022; appointments for EQIP planning in Big Stone; ag waste construction check; 1026s; and EQIP planning cost estimates/design work. Shantel also noted the EQIP deadline for ranking/scoring moved from 2/3 to 2/10 and Chippewa has 10 applications for trees, water and sediment control basins, grade stab, diversion, 2 ag waste, CAP plan for ag waste, brush management, strip till, closure of manure pit, and CAP nutrient pest management.
7. **Staff Reports**-
 - **Co-District Manager**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: seed/seeding proposals; tree plans; articles and ads for annual report; TAC meetings for CRWA and CMRWP 1W1P effort; and Pints, Popcorn, and Pollinators event planning. Zach also noted that legislative days is set for March 7 & 8 with the major topic to discuss with legislators being SWCD stable funding through the general fund.
 - **District Technician**: monthly activities and updates reported include but are not limited to: annual report articles; tree orders; tree site visits; tree plans; and CREP & RIM proposals.
8. **New Business**
 - Desirae presented an audit bid and engagement letter from Peterson and Company LTD.
 - Board advised her to send bid requests to auditors that other SWCD's use.
 - Desirae presented the 2023 Envirothon request for donation. Discussion was also held about reaching out to area ag teachers to see if we could get a local team going again.
 - M/S/P Jacobson, Eisenlohr approve \$150 donation. All in favor.
 - District 3 vacancy was discussed. Staff and personnel committee to follow policy in supervisor handbook for replacement.
 - CMRWP member contribution was discussed. Zach will look into it further and bring back to board.
9. Desirae noted important upcoming dates for Area II Meeting and Legislative Days.
10. **Adjourn**
 - M/S/P Eisenlohr, Jacobson motion to adjourn. All in favor.

Next Meeting: March 13, 2023 –Commissioner's Room, Courthouse 3:00 P.M.

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