Renville Soil & Water Conservation District

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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: June 8, 2023
Time: 7:30 am-12 pm
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 7:30 am		Chair
2.	Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person	INFO	Chair
3.	Consent Agenda	DECISION	Chair and
	 April Meeting Minutes, April & May treasurer's reports, 		Administrator
	and bills Kelly, Koenig MSC		
4.	Old Business	UPDATE/	Chair and
	a) Operational items, none to report	DISCUSSION/	Administrator
	b) Pheasants Forever Agreement -update, recent conversation	DECISION	
	are that this position can also do RIM work. Proceed with		
	Agreement discussions, Koenig, Kokesch MSC		
5.	Personnel Committee	DISCUSSION/	Personnel
	a) Annual employee reviews,	DECISION	Committee
	-Resource Specialist recommendation is a 3% performance-		
	based increase, based on annual review Kelly, Smith MSC		
	-SWCD Administrator -adopt Position Description updates		
	and consultants grade increase recommendation of grade 16.		
	And 3% performance increase based on annual review Kelly ,		
	Koenig, MSC		
	- approve personnel committee recommendation for		
	Hatlewick HCSP deposit in July 2023 of an equivalent 80hrs		
	of credit time. Kelly, Koenig, MSC		
	b) Hatlewick Leave request Smith, Koenig MSC.		
6.	New Business	DECISION	Chair &
	a) Update CDS signors on FM & Hometown Banks Kelly,		Administrator
	Kokesch MCS		
	b) Hatlewick JAA Newall and request SWCD Board		
	Engineering JAA will renew every three years Koenig,		
	Smith MSC		
7	Day and Halley 0.15 and Hamilton T D. 111.	DISCUSSION	Chain with Staff
/.	Program Updates— 8:15 am all employees, Team Building-What is one goal you have for this summer?	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support
	what is one goal you have for this summer:	DECIDION	Support
	a) Programs and cost share		
	South Fork Crow – Organizational structure decision, no		
	June meeting		
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Soil Health Cost Share, a verbal update on inspections and low balance		
b) SWCD Staff Reports.		
Brady Albers Outreach Technician – oral report		
Jackson Meist Conservation Corps Apprentice -oral report		
Hatlewick- see attached report		
Richter- JAA- see attached report		
c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness – see attached report		
d) Board reports		
Kelly- Personnel committee 6/7/23. Mentioned a proposal or		
resolution to bring awareness forward about wind erosion.		
To charge those causing drainage ditches to fill with soil or		
wind erosion, affecting the public		
Kokesch-just returned from Vacation		
Nere-		
Koenig- Crow River Board meeting May 26, MASWCD		
Scholarship to a young lady from Waseca County		
Commissioner Hamre- thank Dr. Kelly for all her service to		
Renville County		
Smith assisted with field plots and thanked Dr. Kelly for her		
service		
Schroeder- Personnel committee and 1w1p meeting		
8. Other	DISCUSSION/	Chair, all board,
a) Dr. Kelly's resignation presented a letter to the board Chair.	DECISION	with staff support
Accepted with regret Koenig, Kokesch MSC		
Motion to appoint Brad Nere for area 4 SWCD supervisor		
Kokesch, Smith MSC		
b) Minnesota River Mankato 1W1P, discussed resolution opt-out		
and approve resolution 03-23, roll call vote all yea, Kokesch ,		
Nere MSC		
c) CD 63 MDM, delegated authority, delegate SWCD		
Administrator Contract Obligation Authority up to \$50,000		
Kokesch, Smith MSC		
9. Upcoming meetings and dates to remember	DISCUSSION	Chair with staff
a) June 21 Area VI meeting		support
b) July 26 Conservation Tour		
c) August 16 Soil Health Field Day- Granite Falls		
10. Motion to adjourn, Chair Schroeder adjourned at 11 am	DECISION	

Next regular Board Meeting is July 13, 2023