



## MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 8, 2018 REGULAR BOARD MEETING

### Supervisors

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Renville Soil and Water Conservation District was called to order at 7:30 A.M. by chair, Kevin Kokesch, and opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Chair  
District 2  
Kevin Kokesch

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mark Koenig, Kevin Kokesch, Terrylea Ness, Jim Hebrink, Dr. Kathryn Kelly,

Vice Chair  
District 3  
Terrylea Ness

**STAFF PRESENT:** Holly Hatlewick, Karen Wermers

Treasurer  
District 5  
Jim Hebrink

**Others Present:** Commissioner John Stahl, BWSR BC Jeremy Maul, HCWP Heidi Rauenhorst and Renville County Diane Mitchell

District 4  
Kathryn Kelly

**Citizens Comment Period:** Dispensed, no citizens present

District 1  
Mark Koenig

**Consent Agenda:** Approved the minutes from Feb. 2018 regular meeting and bills to pay (**Kelly, Koenig**) MSC

**Treasurers Report:** Approved Feb treasury report (**Koenig, Kelly**) MSC

**Staff**  
Holly Hatlewick  
District  
Administrator

**Conservation Grant Agreement** – All meeting attendees participated in conference call

**Easement 65-08-93-01B Corrective Action** – Technician Dale has been in contact with the Easement owner and no board action is needed at this time.

Karen Wermers  
Farm Bill  
Technician

**USDA Shutdown Procedure Policy –Draft,** Board would like Administrator Hatlewick to operate as usual as best the SWCD can in the event of another USDA shutdown and will discuss at the April Work Session in greater detail.

Cody Dale  
Technician

**CenBank Checking Acct-** Close checking account at CenBank and open a CD for \$25,000 with them (**Ness, Koenig**) MSC

Michael Sandager  
Technician

**Personnel Committee** - Administrator Hatlewick relayed that the SWCD is advertising and trying to hire based on the March 1, 2018 Special Board Meeting

### Staff report:

Administrator Hatlewick: Conducted 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> round interviews. Attended the Middle Minnesota Wraps meeting in New Ulm, the State managers meeting in St.

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Cloud and the Sustainable Farming Association-Soil Health Summit. Assisted with Cover Crop Champion meeting in Renville. Worked on shutdown policy. Worked with Board, personnel committee and staffing agency on staffing needs.

Wermers: Assisting landowners with the CREP program. Processing title work with each new CREP easement and putting together NRCS Cultural Resource review worksheets upon request from BWSR. Assisting landowners with the buffer law. Attended the Cover Crop and Strip Till meeting and the Hawk Creek annual meeting.

Dale: Working with DNR on Schottenbaur/DNR grade stabilization project and with TSA on Kodet's WASCOD. Working with Renville County on a streambank restoration project. Assisting landowners with enhancing RIM ground along with haying/grazing plans on RIM's that need an alternative means of management.

Sandager: Attended meeting with the County regarding feedlots. Working with landowners on buffer law related questions/issues. Administering Buffer State-Cost Share policy. Conducting site visits to determine compliance. Sent out 956 letters to landowners on public ditches.

#### **Board Report:**

Supervisor Kelly: Attended Buffer committee meeting with the county, SWCD/HCWP Soil Health Meeting, HCWP Annual Meeting, Rinkie Noonan drainage conference in St. Cloud and SWCD special Board meetings.

Supervisor Hebrink: Attended SWCD/HCWP Soil Health Meeting, HCWP Annual Meeting

Supervisor Ness: Rinkie Noonan drainage conference in St. Cloud, SWCD Personnel Committee meeting and SWCD special Board meetings

Supervisor Koenig: Attended HCWP annual meeting, SWCD Employee interviews and SWCD special Board meetings

Supervisor Kokesch: Attended Rinkie Noonan drainage conference in St. Cloud, SWCD Personnel Committee meeting, SWCD Employee interviews and SWCD special Board meetings

**NRCS Report:** Kjorness has been working on the EQIP RCPP program, as a result, there were 3 applications submitted. Kjorness also worked on 7 eligible 2018 EQIP applications. 15 new CSP applications were submitted for 2018. Kjorness continues to work on contract modifications to remove acres lost or enrolled into the CRP program for the 2018 cropping year.

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**Other:**

**BWSR report:** Jeremy Maul, BC, reported that BWSR staff Individual Development Plan (IDP) have been released and will be discussed at area meetings. Regarding 1W1P, RFP should be released early April. SWCD will need to be working on their BBR's for funding review.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next regular meeting will be April 12, 2018 at 7:30 a.m. at the USDA Service Center in Olivia, MN.

**ADJOURNMENT:** To adjourn the Renville SWCD Meeting 9:55 a.m. (**Kelly, Koenig**) MSC

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**SUPERVISOR**