Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
**1008 West Lincoln, Olivia MN 56277**
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| Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes | Date: October 8, 2026 |
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| | Time:7:30am |
| | Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN |

**Present: Smith, Kokesch, Koenig, Nere & Commissioner Hamre**
**Staff: Hatlewick, Hoaglund, Schroeder**

| Agenda Items | Purpose | Presenter |
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| 1. Call to Order 7:31am | | Chair |
| 2. Approval of Agenda | **Kokesch, Nere MSC** | Chair |
| 3. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person) | INFO | Chair |
| 4. Consent Agenda<br>September Meeting Minutes, September treasurer's, and bills paid motion to approve with Sept treasurer report available in Nov **Kokesch, Nere MSC** | DECISION | Chair and Administrator |
| 5. Old Business<br>a) Drone seeding program<br>Motion – table, till Nov meeting **Nere, Koeing MSC** | UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION | Chair and Administrator |
| 6. Personnel Committee<br>a) Staffing updates Savannah Wilcox was hired as an Administrative Assistant with a start date of 10/15<br>b) Position description (s): Prior posting was unsuccessful in filling the Resource Conservationist position, with the position description approved on 8/13/26. Motion: advertise Resource Conservationist with position description approved on 9/10/26, authorize Personnel Committee to advertise, interview, select, and make an offer of employment **Kokesch, Koenig MSC** | DISCUSSION/ DECISION | Personnel Committee |
| 7. New Business<br>a) MASWCD resolutions – motion to delegate SWCD Administrator to submit individual ballots on the board's behalf, after review and discussion of the resolutions **Nere, Koenig MSC**<br>b) 2025 Audit – approve draft and management response letter **Koenig, Kokesch MSC**<br>c) 65-7-2 Voucher-payment authorization, $75,825.00 **Nere, Koenig MSC** | DECISION | Administrator and Resource Conservationist |
| d) Rob Brown- Rep Michelle Fischbach **8:45am,** would be willing to help with letters of support for SWCD grants or projects. Talked about RCPP and other possible opportunities for smaller local grants.<br>e) Fall cover growth – if they meet seed per square foot and germination, then waive the 3" min for the 2026 fall cover with an Oct 10, 2026 seeding deadline **Kokesch, Koeing MSC** | | |

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| 8. Program Updates– **8:45 am, all employees.** Team Building question: When do you feel you're most creative or productive?<br>a) Programs and cost share<br>1. South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCR) update- verbal update<br>2. Contract Updates – written report<br>b) SWCD Staff Reports<br>Hatlewick- Hawk shared equipment, building update, presented at CLC, BWSR reconcile and wrap 2025 annual financial audit<br>Hoaglund- spoke with RCW student, CLC in the classroom<br>Schroeder – Drone seeding completed, working on a couple WCA applications<br>Winzenburg – on leave<br>c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness- written report<br>d) Board reports and prior month reflections<br>Kokesch- TSA meeting soil health staffing, reflection excitement around the possible new public works building<br>Koenig-no meeting since last month, serious thoughts about staffing and hope to hire staff<br>Nere- no meeting, Personnel Committee and hiring<br>Smith- no meeting; Personnel Committee and hiring<br>Seehausen – absent<br>Commissioner Hamre- County Public Works hopes to bid by Nov 15, then in Dec, see what the bids are | DISCUSSION/ DECISION | Chair with Staff support |
| 9. Other | DISCUSSION/ DECISION | Chair, all board, with staff support |
| 10. Motion to adjourn 9:28am **Koenig, Nere MSC** | DECISION | |

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Next Board Meeting, November 12th, 2026, 7:30am
- MASWCD Annual Convention (Nov. 30th Chair & Manager meeting) Dec 1 & 2nd, Bloomington
- MSHC Soil Health Premier, Dec 1-2nd Mankato

Brad Nere 11-12-26

Chair Signature date