

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: December 11th, 2025
	Time: 7:30 am-9:30 am
	Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

Present:

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order		Chair
2. Approval of Agenda	Kokesch, Koenig MSC	Chair
3. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
4. Consent Agenda November Meeting Minutes, November treasurer's reports, and bills paid	Koenig, Seehausen MSC	Chair and Administrator
5. Old Business a) Speedspike motion, turndown proposed demo agreement in 2026 crop year, but would entertain in the 2027 crop year, Nere, Kokesch MSC	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
6. Personnel Committee a) 1/1/26 SWCD Handbook	Nere, Koenig MSC	Personnel Committee
7. New Business a) Amendment SFCR-034-1 Kokesch, Koenig, MSC b) Voucher SFCR-034 Kokesch, Seehausen MSC c) 2026 COL motion, for a 3% COL effective 1/1/26 Koenig, Kokesch MSC d) Easement 65-08-02-01 proposed alteration 8:45am (15min max) Nere, Seehausen MSC	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist
8. Program Updates– 9:15 am, all employees. Team Building questions: What's your go-to drink or beverage at a holiday party? a) Programs and cost share 1. South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCR) update, FY26 agreement come in on 12/10/25 b) SWCD Staff Reports. Hatlewick- proposed staff presentation on special projects at every other board meeting instead of individual verbal reports in 2026, and the Board report back each month on one thing they learned or took away from the prior month's meeting. The board was supportive of both proposed ideas. MASWCD convention leadership course- good content. Presented at Ridgewater Career Day on Dec 5 th . Talked about AMC award given to the SWCD & Renville County. Richter- processing voucher for SFCR and other cover crop certifications. Attendant AMC award ceremony Winzenburg- supporting work on fall cover crop inspections, working on Alliance program, and attending	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support

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<p>MASWCD annual convention and will be receiving USDA JAA for four ecological practices. Dawn- Records retention, processing payments for cost share, and year-end. Schroeder- wetland banking projects, attended the MASWCD Convention enjoyed the sessions. Hoaglund- RCPP cover crop inspections, Alliance calls, helping out with projects c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness- no report provided d) Board reports Nere- attended AMC convention with Richter and Hatlewick Koenig- Molly Engenhardt article he recently read a good editorial on regenerative ag, recommends the read for others Smith- MASWCD leadership course Dec 1st, commended staff for all their great work and leadership. U of MN nitrogen study preliminary results coming in. Attended Soil Health Premium event. Asked to speak at the I90 Soil Health meeting in Feb 2026. Seehusen- no report Kokesch- Franklin Ravene is being reviewed and hopefully moving forward. Attend MASCWD Annual Convention Dec 3rd Commissioner Hamre – left meeting prior to reports</p>		
<p>9. Other a) 2026 Pheasants Forever Agreement</p>	<p>Kokesch, Nere MSC</p>	<p>Chair, all board, with staff support</p>
<p>10. Motion to adjourn 9:50am Koinig, Nere MSC</p>	<p>DECISION</p>	

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Next regular Board Meeting January 8, 2026
- SMS/Digit Conference – Fargo, ND, January 13th-15th
- AMC Drainage Conference Arrowood Alexandria Feb 4-6th
- NACD Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, February 15th – 19th