Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: May 14, 2026
	Time: 7:00 am-9:00 am
	Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

Present: Nere, Smith, Kokesch, Koenig, Seehausen excused, Commissioner Hamre
Staff: Hatlewick

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 April Meeting Minutes, March treasurer's reports, and bills paid	**Koenig, Kokesch MSC**	Chair and Administrator
5. Old Business	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
6. Personnel Committee a) SWCD Employee Handbook Revisions effective 5/16/26 **Kokesch, Nere MSC**	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
7. New Business a) Non-Structural Policy & Ranking **Kokesch, Koenig MSC** b) Farmward Conservation Agronomist – MOA's **Nere, Koenig MSC** c) 2026 Outstanding Conservation Farmer- Nominees for 2026 discussed	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist
8. Program Updates– **8:15 am, all employees.** Team Building question: What is the best way to start your day? a) Programs and cost share -report b) SWCD Staff Reports, written reports provided c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness, written report provided d) Board reports Kokesch-TSA Soil Health specialist has resigned, ravine project moving forward at Corp of Engineers. CMRWP meeting 5/13/26 update. helped at 4/10 Outreach event Nere- Building committee met with SWCD Administrator, attended April 10th SWCD Soil Health event Smith- Building committee met with SWCD Administrator, attended April 10th SWCD Soil Health event Koenig - Area VI meeting June 25th . County Historical Society awarded two scholarships to local students, Commissioner Hamre – discussed the public works proposed building, county budget conversation	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support
9. Other a) July 14th SWCD Engagement meeting -decision held	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair, all board, with staff support

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b) Aug Board Meeting and outing – decided to schedule the historical society outing to Sept board meeting, due to scheduling conflict c) May 29th County Road tour –verbal update		
10. Motion to adjourn 8:13am **Koeing, Nere MSC**	DECISION	

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- May 29th County Road Tour- 7am
- Next Board Meeting, **June 11, 2026 7am**
- Area VI MASWCD meeting, Mankato June 25th

Chair Signature Phillip Smith

date 6-11-26