

Renville Soil & Water Conservation District
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Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: Feb 7 th , 2024
	Time: 8 am-9 am
	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.

Smith, Nere, Koenig, Kokesch

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order 8:06am		Chair
2. Approval of Agenda, motion to approve with additions of others	DECISION Nere, Koenig MSC	Chair
3. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
4. Consent Agenda Jan Meeting Minutes, Jan treasurer's reports, and bills paid	DECISION Koenig, Nere MSC	Chair and Administrator
5. Old Business a) 2024 MASWCD Dues, table to March and or until we receive a response Nere, Koenig MSC b) BWSR soil health funds and Chippewa and Kandi Partnership submitted app for \$735,000 retroactive approval Nere, Koenig MSC	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
6. Personnel Committee a) 2024 Intern, motion to allow staff to interview and hire Koenig, Nere MSC	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
7. New Business a) South Fork Crow Implementation update March 5 th next policy meeting, discussion on Renville SWCD being physical and admin host b) Structural/Non-Structural Cost Share Policy, approval with edits Koenig, Nere MSC	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist
8. Program Updates– 8:15 am, all employees. Team Building questions: What quality do you bring to a team activity? a) Programs and cost share b) SWCD Staff Reports. <i>Dawn-</i> On-boarding and outreach materials <i>Hatlewick-</i> will attend NACD meeting next month <i>Richter-</i> drafted Soil Health grant, submitted PF grant for Farm Bill Work <i>Winzenburg</i> – Updated Board on Farmward lead; she works with Jim Boyle. 42 at January 26 th Producer meeting c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness, no report provided	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair with Staff support

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<p>d) Board reports <i>Kokesch</i>- EAB meeting, good feedback from attendees <i>Smith</i> -no report <i>Koenig</i>- Area Chair’s meeting date TBD <i>Nere</i>- attend Jan 26th Soil Health Meeting</p>		
<p>9. Other- a) BWSR soil health funds and Chippewa and Kandi Partnership moved to old business b) District 3 supervisor, discussion was had c) 2023 SWCD Audit Engagement letter from Peterson Company Koenig, Nere MSC d) General Mills Agreement, General Mills agreements signed by Chair 2/6/28</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/ DECISION</p>	<p>Chair, all board, with staff support</p>
<p>10. Motion to adjourn 9:22am Koenig, Kokesch MSC</p>	<p>DECISION</p>	

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- AMC Drainage Conference, Feb 7th and 8th
- NACD Annual Meeting Feb 12-16th, San Diego
- Hawk Creek Watershed annual meeting Feb 15th, Renville
- Healthy Soil in Beets meeting Feb 26th, Renville Community Center
- MASWCD Legislative Days Mar 12-13th
- Next regular Board Meeting is Mar 14, 2024