



Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes	Date: February 19th, 2026
	Time: 7:30 am-9:30 am
	Location: Renville SWCD meeting room, 1008 W Lincoln Ave Olivia, MN

Present: Phil Smith, Brad Nere, Kevin Kokesch, Corey Seehausen, Mark Koenig, David Hamre  
 Staff: Kyle Richter, Ana Dawn, Pamela Winzenburg, Colby Schroeder, and Zoe Hoaglund

Agenda Items	Purpose	Presenter
1. Call to Order 9:30am - Meeting was delayed 2 hours due to district weather policy		Chair
2. Approval of Agenda	<b>Nere, Seehausen MSC</b>	Chair
3. Citizen Comment Period (2 minutes per person)	INFO	Chair
4. Consent Agenda	<b>Kokesch, Koenig MSC</b>	Chair and Administrator
5. Old Business No items	UPDATE/ DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Chair and Administrator
6. Personnel Committee a) Telecommuting agreement – 1- Motion made to Approve drafted telework agreement, <b>Nere, Kokesch, MSC</b> 2- Motion made to approve Resource Conservationist’s Telecommuting agreement - <b>Koenig, Nere, MSC</b> 3- Motion made to authorize District Administrator to approve other staff agreements for intermittent weather purposes- <b>Koenig, Nere, MSC</b>	DISCUSSION/ DECISION	Personnel Committee
7. New Business a) 2025 Audit – Motion made to Approve and sign engagement letter with Peterson Company LTD– <b>Nere, Kokesch, MSC</b> b) MASWCD Election Guidance – information provided on election refilling guidance c) MASWCD Legislative Event, March 17 – Phil Smith will attend. d) 2026 Drone Contract – reviewed draft provided by staff-approved 2026 proposed updates <b>Koenig, Nere, MSC</b> – Chair Smith left at 10:36am and yielded chair duties to vice chair Nere. Motion made to delegate the district administrator to utilize up to \$13,000 from reserves for the addition of seed vacuum and other equipment to the drone program, <b>Koenig, Seehausen, MSC</b> e) Co Rd 11/Hawk Creek Bridge Easement Alterations <b>8:15am</b> , Schroeder and 3 Renville county staff (Jeremy Leblanc, Tom Olinger, and Nathan Rudeen) joined meeting at 10:15 am. to explain the scope of the project. Motion	DECISION	Administrator and Resource Conservationist



<p>made to approve letter of support for the project. <b>Kokesch, Koenig, MSC</b></p> <p>f) CD 59-3.1 Amendment and Voucher – Motion made to approve amendment, <b>Kokesch, Koenig, MSC</b>        Motion made to approve voucher for \$28,125, <b>Koenig, Seehausen, MSC</b></p> <p>g) Education component of contracts- a discussion was had and the board would like to talk more about it at the March meeting</p>		
<p>8. Program Updates– <b>All staff joined at 11:12am</b> Team Building question: What are your favorite burger toppings?</p> <p>a) Programs and cost share        1) South Fork Crow River Watershed (SFCR) update</p> <p>b) SWCD Staff Reports- Richter gave a presentation on 1W1P</p> <p>c) NRCS Report, Jeff Kjorness</p> <p>d) Board reports &amp; Reflections on last meeting        Kokesch- Franklin Ravine Update, no reflection        Seehausen- nothing to report, no reflection        Koenig- Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> Area 6 officer meeting, no till planter invention reflection        Nere- Seed vac meeting with Colby, past year synopsis from employees and how great the board is to work with.        Hamre: updated board on county shop plans are progressing</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/        DECISION</p>	<p>Chair with Staff support</p>
<p>9. Other        Reminded the board of upcoming events</p>	<p>DISCUSSION/        DECISION</p>	<p>Chair, all board, with staff support</p>
<p>10. Motion to adjourn 11:42am</p>	<p><b>Koenig, Seehausen, MSC</b></p>	

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- MASWCD Election Guidance- email from 1/12/26, deadline May 19, 2026
- MASWCD Legislative Event, March 17
- Local Work Group meeting March 12<sup>th</sup> 10:30am -12pm
- Marxen Field event April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Next Board Meeting, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026