

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE April 13, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, April 13, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President – Dale Schlieman
Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch
Secretary – Clinton Schuerman
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth
P & I – Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt PF.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by President – Dale Schlieman

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the Agenda and Secretary Report.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Building for Storage: We have not received any new bids for a shed.

Bids for Pickup: Only received one bid and it was below the minimum set bid amount.

4 Wheeler & Seeder: We checked with other Districts to see what they charge for seeding and labor. After some discussion on what we should charge it was decided \$50 mobilization fee and \$100 per hour.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the amounts of \$50 mobilization and \$100 per hour for the rent of the 4 wheeler and seeder

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

Alternative Practices: Andy gave a report on the alternative practices guidance that BWSR released.

Tillage Survey: We were contacted again by the UM to assist with their tillage survey. They will pay up to \$5000 for help with this project. Sheri will be assisting them when and if the weather cooperates this year.

Ag Inspector: The County would prefer that the SWCD be the contract holder. Discussed that we recommend to keep Tom Orr as County Ag Inspector. Sheri will contact the County Attorney.

Desk & File Cabinets: We are in the need of purchasing 2 locking file cabinets for the RIM and CREP contracts.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the purchase of 2 locking file cabinets.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Barb Zeroth – Acting DC for NRCS: Introduced herself and gave a quick report on her background with NRCS. She is supposed to be here for 120 days.

- EQIP – Sign up deadline is in mid-August with 6 apps from last sign up
- CSP has 11 applications in progress.
- State goal to have 5 producers enrolled in Client Gateway in each office.

Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt:

- Rim Restoration for Bruce Larson, he wants to put in 3 crossings and the Board needs to sign saying that is ok to install the crossings.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the installation of 3 crossings in Bruce Larson’s restoration.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Buffer Technician – Andy Albertsen:

- Legislative Update was given.
- Overall County compliance is at about 68.5% yes and 27% no. Will be doing field checks.
- Trees were delivered on Monday and tree pickup day will be April 21.
- PdT TAC Meeting is moving along with 1W1P meetings.
- Has attended various workshops including Soil Health, Ag Drainage, Certified Crop Advisor, and BWSR Grants training.

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

There was a motion to rescind the motion last month to pay \$732 to Tom Orr and move to pay the accurate amount of \$460 before taxes.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the rescinding of the original motion and motioned to pay the correct amount to Tom Orr.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 11th** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY