

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE April 9, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on April 9, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Absent: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheri Gades SWCD, Will Clayton PF, and Randy Schmiesing NRCS, Edward Pederson County Commissioner, Tom Orr SWCD.

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Drill: New one is ready to be picked up. After some discussion on the rates for each of the drills. The new one should be a little higher rate than the old one.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to approve the rate change for the planters with the old one staying the same and the new one is \$10 per acre planted.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Water Festival: Will be held either September 11th or the 18th, depending on when the school year begins.

New Business:

Farm Bill Assistance Partnership: We need to sign the agreement that runs from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Farm Bill Assistance Partnership and sign it.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Outdoor Classroom: The butterfly garden is in need of a burn, which Lyle Popma has arranged with the Benson Fire Department. Also the Swift County Museum is going to put up a new display in the Native American display. Lyle requested a donation be made to the Benson Fire Dept for \$150 and the Museum of \$125.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to approve the donation to the Benson Fire Dept for \$150 and the Museum for \$125 from the Outdoor Classroom funds.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:

- EQIP: 4 applications funded
- CSP: 23 CSP applications received for 2015 funding.
- 1026: There were 5 requests as at this time.
- WRE: No applications
- CRP: There are 58 expiring contracts this year

Farm Bill – Will Clayton:

- **CRP:** Doing site visits for eligibility and suitability
- **RIM/RIM Buffers:** 3 are ready to go
- **RIM/Wetlands:** 2 are almost ready
- **RIM/Grassland:** Waiting for Tittle commitment
- **RIM/Management:** 2 reseeding that are being done

Tour: Discussed the route of the tour. We have the projects that we want to show.

District Technician - Tom Orr:

- Trees will be coming in the next week or so. Tree pickup will be April 24th.
- If there isn't enough water in the pond, we may have to use a fire truck to dump water in it.
- Part time wages for help needs to be raised.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the increase of part time wages to \$12 per hour.

- **Affirmative: All Motion carried**

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

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 14 at 8:00 am.**

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY