

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE Aug 13th, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman - Dale Schlieman
Vice Chair – Mark Weimerskirch
Secretary- Clinton Schuerman
PR & I - Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: Orvin Gronseth

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Randy Schmiesing NRCS, Sheri Gades SWCD, and Tom Orr SWCD, Grant Pearson MAWQCP, Mark Kuling NRCS.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman - Dale Schlieman

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Outstanding Conservationist: Steve and Gail Svor have been interviewed and article has been submitted to the 3 local papers.

Fair Booth: Who ever can work please man the booth during the weekend. Tom will be setting it up on Thursday afternoon.

New Business:

David Rudnigen Cost Share: He is installing sediment basins in Kerkhoven section 2. The State Cost Share contract will be 2015-01 for the cost of \$5888.00. Cost share will be 75% which will be \$4416.00.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve David Rudnigen Cost Share 2015-01 for the amount of \$4416.00.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Nathan Mast AgBMP- Nathan is requesting an AgBMP loan for a new septic system for the amount of \$15,000.00.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded Ahrndt by to approve Nathan Mast AgBMP loan application for \$15,000.00.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Mark Kuling – Annual visit. Gave an update on new staff and the state sharing positions. Cathee Pullman is the new State Con. In the next couple of years they are trying to get people in place to handle a lot of the contract paper work at the Area office or in offices that will work with 2 – 3 counties. This is to give the office people more time to be out in the field working and not tied down with paper work.

BWSR: We have received the new agreement for our Conservation Delivery \$18,592, Easement \$8,165, and State Cost Share \$10,055 grants. The total of these is \$36,812.00

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to sign the BWSR agreement for the FY2016 grants.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Farm Bill Agreement: We have received the new Farm Bill Agreement for FY2016.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to sign the BWSR agreement for the Farm Bill Assistance FY2016 grants.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

County Commissioner: Dale and Sheri will be meeting with the County Commissioners on August 18th to review the 2016 budget. We are asking for \$55,000 this year. We have been getting \$50,000 for the last few years.

Grant Pearson MAWQCP Specialist – Grant presented a power point presentation on the Minnesota Agricultural Water Quality Certification Program. It is voluntary for producers and they are certified for 10 years when they complete the requirements. There is a lot of things that are taken in to consideration before a producer gets certified. Grant will work with anyone who is interested in getting certified.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing

- 1026 - To date there are 21 requests to be completed.
- EQIP – Rick is working with producers on possible projects
- CSP - No new funding, so we do not have any new contracts funded.
- CRP - Will and Rick are working on plans and 10% spot checks are completed.
- Working Lands Group meeting recommendations have been forwarded on to the Area office.

Farm Bill – Tom Orr:

- Old green pickup is in need of work and it could cost anywhere from \$500 to \$1800, depending on what they find wrong with it.
- Well reading contract has been signed on the state level and returned. Due to delays on the DNR’s side, we may not get paid for July.
- CREP spot checks need to be done. There are about 80 that need to be done.

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

Chairman - Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 10:40.

Next meeting is scheduled for **September 17th at 8:00 am.** We will be setting up at Ambush Park after meeting.

APPROVED:

DATE

SECRETARY