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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE August 10th, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the SWCD Tree Building, Benson Minnesota August 10, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Melanie Dickman NRCS.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Area 2 Meeting** – Was a call-in meeting. The discussed 4 resolutions with 3 being approved to move to the State and 1 that was not.

**New Business:**

**Pictometry Agreement:** This agreement allows the SWCD access to aerial maps of Swift County. The amount charged is $500.

**Motion was made** **by** **Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve signing the Pictometry Agreement and pay $500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**CREP Outreach and Implementation Grant Agreement:** This agreement for the grant is for the $32,500 for work done on the CREP program.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to sign the agreement with BWSR for the CREP Outreach and Implementation with the amount being $32,500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Mesenbrink Project:** This project will be funded by Pomme de Terre. The total cost of this project is estimated at $11,285.18 with a 75% cost share of $8,463.88. He has a bid from Wolf Tiling to build the WSCOBs.

**Motion was made** **by** **Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve signing the contract with Mesenbrink for funding with Pomme de Terre for 75% of his project with is $8463.88.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Data Practice Policy:** We have an updated Data Practice Policy that the County Attorney as reviewed and approves.

**Motion was made** **by** **Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve the new Data Practice Policy.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Resolution for Pomme de Terre:** We need to adopt the plan as each SWCD in the watershed will. It goes to BWSR after their approval, it will replace the existing water plan.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to sign the resolution for the Pomme de Terre Watershed plan.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**MASWCD State Convention:** Will be going on line only this year.

**Preliminary Budget 2021:** Was passed out to each of the Board members to review. Went over the figures and answered any questions they had. This will be presented at the County Commissioner meeting on August 18th.

**Motion was made** **by** **Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve the Budget for 2021 as presented.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Water sampling as needed.
* Wells that were low last month have been rising after the rains.
* Cleaning up the drills and getting them ready for fall seedings. Have had about 70 acres of alfalfa planted the last couple weeks.
* Will be starting Cost Share inspections.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: None**

**County Commissioner - Ed Pederson:**

* Due to the future unknowns with the County, there may be less funding available.
* Swift County received $1.2million for Covid Related activities.

**District Manager** **– Andy Albertsen:**

* PdT – 1W1P goes to BWSR August 26th.
* MPCA Grant – Was not funded
* Pomme de Terre Association will be requesting funds from each county. Swift County’s would be approximately $6412. There will be more information coming.
* Soil Health Event - Held at Scott Olson’s on July 23rd had about 20 people attend. There was equipment displayed, soil pit, and soil demonstrations at the event.
* Chippewa Watershed – All counties have approved the new JPA. The Board meeting will be July 21.
* Ag Water Quality Certification – Jim Forsell certified as is, may proceed with installing rock inlets.
	+ Wentzel family Farms have applied to get certified.
* Drywood Creek Update: Project has been completed.
* Buffer Update –We have 3 landowners with 1 operator that are not compliant.
* Nitrogen Fertilizer Restrictions – Begins on September 1. This is a law to prevent the spreading of nitrogen fertilizer in the fall and winter on certain soil types.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

**Motion was made Olson** **by seconded by Ahrndt to approve financial report.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 10th at the USDA Service Center.

**APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE SECRETARY**