

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE Dec 17, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on December 17, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

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

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Buffers: Sheri the work plan through Elink that she is working on. It lists the budgeted amounts for the District Capacity Grant. We have to decide how we want to spend this money. We have to submit the work plan before we can use the money.

New Business:

2016 District Capacity Grant Agreement: We have received the agreement to be signed and returned. This is the grant that is for the amount of \$100,000. It is to increase the district's ability to serve the people in the district with things like computer, buffer technician, office equipment, etc.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve signing the agreement for the 2016 District Capacity Grant Agreement.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

State Convention: A motion was made to have Schuerman as the chairman for the State Convention. His item for the auction bought a large amount this year.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing: Went over the Civil Rights Policy Statement, Anti-Harassment Policy Statement, and the Justice for All Poster. Board members signed a copy.

- 1026 - To date there are 24 requests to be completed.
- EQIP – There has been 241 applications. The new docket eliminated Crop Rotation
- CSP – No new applications
- CRP - Will and Rick are working on plans.

Farm Bill Biologist – Will Clayton:

- CRP – Working on contracts
- RIM/Easements – Anderson's has received payment and sold it. Benson's payment has been received.
- RIM/Management – Lanes CREP easement tree removal is waiting
- General CRP sign up is going on now.

Farm Bill – Tom Orr:

- There are now 11 counties quarantined for Emerald Ash bore.
- Bid for Carol Koosman project for the Pomme de Terre is \$12,122 for stream barbs.
- Bert Koosman wants to reduce an old damn area with a new pipe on the Pomme de Terre.
- Dean Beyer is interested in doing 7 water ways in Fairfield section 19.

Jared House – Pomme de Terre

Handed out a print out of all the different grants and what they have been spent on. He explained projects that were still being funded or will be in Swift County.

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Year End: Employee reviews were done and it was decided that each employee would receive a 50 cent raise per hour with medical staying the same.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the pay raises for the employees of 50 cents per hour.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Chairman Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 10:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for **January 7th** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED:

_____ **DATE**

_____ **SECRETARY**