

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE Feb 12, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on February 12, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Absent: Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

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 Weimerskirch to approve the Agenda and Secretary Report.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Drills: The Board went to look at the Truax drill, and were very interested in purchasing one. Will is going talk to PF to see if they would be willing to help purchase the drill. It is a 12ft drill and they went over the list of things they would like to have put on the drill when it is made.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve the purchase of the Truax drill.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

Pomme de Terre: Jarid House handed out a report to everyone that had each grant listed. Each was broken down to what projects are being funded or what they are being used for. We have projects in Swift for Rain Gardens and Shoreline Stabilization. Also a dam removal project. That project will be 100 cost shared. They are applying for a 2015 Soil erosion & Drainage Law Compliance grand that will help with mapping mandatory buffering ditches to see which are in compliance in Swift County and the rest of the Pomme de Terre. They are asking for the Board to show support and voluntary compliance with the law.

At their regular Board of Supervisors' meeting on Thursday February 12, 2015, Swift Soil and Water SWCD Supervisor Gronseth moved to support the Pomme de Terre River Association's application for a Soil Erosion and Drainage Law Compliance grant and to encourage a partnership between the Swift SWCD and Swift County that will promote voluntary compliance with the law. Seconded by Supervisor Ahrndt.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Kevin Wersinger Cost Share Fabric: He is applying for Cost Share with the Fabric money for Section 17 in six Mile Grove. The total cost is \$1270 and 75% will be \$952.50

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve Kevin Wersinger Cost Share for Fabric for the amount of \$952.50.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Legislative Days: Gronseth gave a report on the different meetings that he attended during the Legislative Days.

Area 2 Meeting: The Area 2 meeting will be March 11th in Alexandria at Fat Daddy's. Please let Sheri know if you are attending.

Farm Bill – Will Clayton: Will handed out an overview of what he has been working on for the last month.

- CRP – Continues to work on contracts
- RIM –RIM buffer sign up. There are 3 ready to go and will be sending quotes
- Tour – Handed out a possible agenda and will work on setting a date this summer and where the tour should go.

District Technician - Tom Orr:

- Pomme de Terre report on working on getting a rain garden in Appleton.
- Tree sales are starting to pick up
- Applicator tests are starting again now that spring is coming.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:

- EQIP: Deadline is on Feb 23
- CSP: 9 CSP applications received for 2015 funding. Applications end Feb 27th
- WRE – Had no applications
- 1026: There were 2 requests as of Jan 7th left to complete
- Discussed the possibility of doing a mailing with the District on sending something out with a description of the different programs that are available.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve to match \$200 for postage for mailing a letter with description of different programs available.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

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

Next meeting is scheduled for **March 12th at 8:00 am.**

APPROVED:

_____ **DATE**

_____ **SECRETARY**