

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE February 9, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, February 9, 2017.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt PF and Tom Orr SWCD.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**4 Wheeler:** Andy went to Go Faster and looked a possibly purchasing an Arctic Cat 2017 VLX 700. The cost will be roughly \$6000 and also purchasing a winch installed on the front.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the purchase of an Arctic Cat 2017 VLX 700 from Go Faster when they become available.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Ramps:** We will need new ramps for loading 4 wheeler in the pickup and purchase solid ramps from Runnings for approximately \$150.

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the purchase ramps from Runnings.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Seeder:** Runnings has a Finco seeder to mount on the 4wheeler and add a 2” mount for \$400. We discussed the uses of this seeder for small acres.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the purchase ramps from Runnings.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

We discussed selling the old 4 wheeler for \$500 to and decided it was a good price for the age of the Polaris 4 wheeler.

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the sale of the Polaris 4 wheeler for the price of \$500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Rates for seeding with the 4 wheeler was discussed. We will do more research with other counties and see what they charge for seeding.

Building committee will go look at the possibility of location and size of building a new structure at the tree building location to house the trailer, side by side, drills, trees and fabric.

**New Business:**

**Carol Koosman Project:** Need to sign a new contract due to the grant expiring and then getting an extension on the grant through the Pomme de Terre. The total cost is \$20,322.80 and the contract amount is \$15,242.10. There is a mussel research permit for the amount of \$650 to approve mitigation for the project.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the Carol Koosman project for the amount of \$15,242.10**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**FY2016 Buffer Close Out:** We are closing out the 2016 Buffer Grant due to all funds have been spent. The grant was for \$30,000.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to approve the close out of the 2016 Buffer Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**MJPA Agreement:** The District needs to sign an amendment to the Joint Power agreement for getting paid for easements like the CREP program. This is a new way to get paid from BWSR.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve the close out of the signing of the agreement.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**NACD Convention:** Orvin gave a report on the convention that was held in Denver. Water was the big topic being discussed. He thought the \$500 that the District gives for this is not enough. The next convention will be held in Nashville.

**Buffer Technician – Andy Albertsen:**

- Stevens County buffer meeting is being held and he will be looking to set up a buffer committee.
- DNR has reviewed all the areas that he has questions on.
- Shore land amendment is still being worked on to mirror the Buffer law.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

- Working on writing CRP plans
- New CREP agreement and training coming up
- CP 21, 23, and 23A have a minimum of 5 acres
- Pheasant Fest next week in Minneapolis she will attend and be working at.

**NRCS – Rick Gronseth:**

None

**Farm Bill – Tom Orr:**

- Voucher for the City of Appleton for the rain garden that was constructed. We will pay Appleton for the amount of the cost share and the Pomme de Terre will reimburse us.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve the close out of the signing of the agreement.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

Tom present his resignation effective February 28, 2017 to the Board.

**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 **February 9th** at 8:00 am.

**APPROVED:**

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SECRETARY