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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE February 12, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota February 12, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

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**Abse**nt: None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, Danielle Olson County Attorney, Gemma Kleinschmidt Farm Bill .

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 Secretary Report and the Agenda and have Ahrndt as temporary Secretary.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Designation of Officers:** Carl Ahrndt – Secretary made motion to make Ahrndt Secretary for this term.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve the Ahrndt as secretary for this term.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**New Supervisor:**  We have been calling prospective people to see if they would be interested, but so far have been turned down. We are currently waiting to hear back from the last person contacted. If he turns it down, we will keep looking.

**Tractor:** Sounds like they are going away from the government leases. Will wait until later to decide.

**State Conservationist Letter:** We received a letter back from Troy Daniel addressing the DC position here in this office. He will be attending the April 11th meeting.

**New Business:**

**Area 2 Envirothon:** They are asking for a donation of $150 again this year to help offset the costs of the program.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve a donation of $150 again this year.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Audit Bid:** We have received a bid for the audit from Peterson Company to do the audit again this year for $2750.00. We will need an audit again this year since we met the thresh hold.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to accept the bid of $2750 for an audit done by Peterson Company.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**FY19 Erosion Control & Water Management Cost Share Policy:** The Board needs to accept the policy again this year.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the FY19 Erosion Control & Water Management Cost Share Policy.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**FY19 Non-Structural Policy:** The Board need to accept the policy again this year. We will pay 75% of the current EQIP rates as set by NRCS.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt approve FY19 Non-Structural Policy**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Office Equipment:** We are looking at getting a standup desk and 3 new chairs for the staff. The chairs we use are currently owned by NRCS.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch approve the purchase of 3 chairs and a stand-up desk for the staff.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Legislative Days:** Will be March 5&6 and Andy will be attending

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* Waiting for Farm Bill to start. Not sure when the signups will begin
* 3 CREP contracts still being worked on
* Couple of workshops coming up – CRP will be Feb 28th at McKinney’s. Mailed out 70 letters to producers and owners

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann:**

* EQIP had 22 applications, but 2 cancelled
* Local Work Group will meet March 14th after the Board meeting
* 24 CSP payments have been done

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

* Handed out print out of ongoing projects and things going on
* Gave update on buffer compliance
* WSCTA Grant – to help pay for services
* CRWP – Next Board meeting is set for Feb 15th. LWG meeting next Thursday the 21st.
* Pomme de Terre – Andy is the new TAC Chairman
	+ - Writing a 319 Grant for field days and cover crops
		- WRAPS Phase 2 is moving ahead
* Water Plan approved by BWSR in January and now goes to the County
* WSWCD Training Cohort – Meet 3 different times with different topics. The total cost is $2150, which includes motel and food. Andy will be attending.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to send Andy to this training and pay the costs.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Tree open house will be February 13th in the office from 8-5
* Taking tree orders as they come in. Right now, we have 27 orders and one planting
* Need parts for old drill and Dalton will do the labor to fix it.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to having Dalton order the needed parts and do the repairs to the drill.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2019 at 8:00 am.

Local Work Group will meet after

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