The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on January 7, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
President – Dale Schlieman
Secretary – Clinton Schuerman
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth
P & I - Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

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 Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Agenda and Secretary Report.
Affirmative: All  Motion carried

Old Business:

District Capacity Grant: We received the agreement with BWSR for the District Capacity Grant. This grant is for the amount of $100,000 for the year 2016. The districts are to use this money to improve their ability to implement conservation.
Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve signing the agreement for the 2016 District Capacity Grant Agreement.
Affirmative: All  Motion carried

New Business:

Official Newspaper: It was discussed and the Swift County Monitor will be the official newspaper for the District, although we post everything in all 3 county newspapers
Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Swift County Monitor as the official newspaper.
Affirmative: All  Motion carried

Official Bank: It was discussed and the Co-op Credit Union will be the official bank for the District.
Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the Co-op Credit Union as the official bank.
Affirmative: All  Motion carried

Area2 Envirothon: They are asking for a donation from each district for the amount of $150 again this year. This is to help cover the cost of holding the envirothon.
Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the donation of $150 for the Area 2 Envirothon.
Affirmative: All  Motion carried

Big Stone SWCD: They are looking for the possible sharing of a position for a Manager. Mike Jorgenson has mentioned coming to a meeting and discuss the possibility. We will invite him to the February 11th meeting.

Pheasants Forever: They will open the position internally for 5 days. This is to see if they have someone interested in moving to Swift County from another county.
Farm Bill Biologist – Will Clayton: Will is leaving the District to be the Eastern MN rep for Pheasants Forever. His last day is Jan 8th. He will be moving to the Cities. He gave the numbers of acres he has affected since coming to our office: 5,341 acres and 803 landowner contacts. He has been here 1yr 8months. We thanked him for all his hard work and dedication!

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:
- 1026 - To date there are 6 requests to be completed.
- EQIP – There has been 14 applications to be ready for the February 1 for ranking.
- CSP – No new applications
- CRP - Rick will be working on plans.

Farm Bill – Tom Orr:
- 8 weed reports left to get back from townships and cities for their yearend report.
- Potential stream barb project for Ron Schliep in Fairfield Sec 23.
- Pomme de Terre rain garden in Appleton for the amount of $4645.00. They will be cost sharing 75% of this which is $3483.75. This funding will come from a 2014 319 grant. The rain garden will be located by the Appleton City building.

Technician Position: We have 12 applications that need to be looked at. The Board will go over them on January 14, at 8:00.

Financial Report:
Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.
Affirmative: All Motion carried

Chairman Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 10:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 11th at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _______________________________ _______________________________
DATE SECRETARY