##

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE January 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota January 11th, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

P & I – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Designation of Officers:** After discussion it was decided to leave offices as they are.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve leaving the offices as they are currently.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Building:**  Some tin is on the roof. It has been too cold to work on it.

**Centrol Consulting Partnership:**  Andy has been working on a Public Service Agreement with Centrol to train personnel from Big Stone, Chippewa and Swift SWCDs. Each would have their own PSA. They will have their county attorney look over the agreements. Working on having the counties have the same agreement with Centrol to have more uniformity.

**New Business:**

**Newsletter:** Should be out very soon. It has been at the printers for a week or so already.

**Official Financial Institution:** The Co-op Credit Union will be the official banking institution for the SWCD.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by** **Ahrndt** **to approve the Co-op Credit Union as the official banking institution.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Official Newspaper:**  The Swift County Monitor will be the official paper. We will continue to print in all 3 newspapers in the county though.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch** **to approve the Swift County Monitor as the official newspaper, but to print in all 3 county newspapers.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Seed Sales:** Andy is checking into being able to sell seed mixes through the District. Some of the other districts are doing this to make up for the lack of tree sales. It would be another source of income for the District. Will do more checking into the idea. Maybe have a speaker from one of the seed companies come to the next meeting.

**District Technician** **– Andy Albertsen:**

* The 2017 deadline has pasted and we have 8 parcels & 8 landowners left.
* Swift County Ordinance has passed.
* Other Waters Resolution: needs to be sent to county so that it goes into the water plan.
* Pomme de Terre – Phase 2 of the WRAPS
* Chippewa River – Hoping to have draft JPA in February to review.
* Board & Staff Retreat – Will do more checking into a person to facilitate a day long retreat.
* Water Plan – Both KMS & Benson schools are interested in doing a rain garden.
* ESRI GIS License – Special MN LGU pricing $1224/perpetual includes maintenance and subscription for future updates also technical support. Or $653/ 1 yr. includes updates & technical support.

**NRCS – Jeff Hellemann: NONE**

**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**

Area 2 meeting will be in March and held in Morris.

February 17 – 18 will conduct interviews for the technician position. We will be conducting 7 interviews out of 13 applicants. Sheri will set up times with each.

**Meeting adjourned 11:30**

Next meeting is scheduled for February 8th, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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