##

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE July 9th, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the Ambush Park shelter, Benson Minnesota July 9, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

**ABSENT:** P & I – Scott Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Melanie Dickman NRCS.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Plaque for Clint** – We will put the plaque up by the tree after the Board meeting today and take some pictures.

**New Business:**

**DNR Observation Well Contract:** We will be reading 28 wells again on this contract, with each stop being $30 for a total of $5280. Dalton usually reads wells at the beginning of each month for eight months.

**Motion was made** **by** **Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve signing the contract with the DNR for Well Observation of 28 wells for $5280.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Local Partners Agreement with PF:** We received and agreement with PF for $3250 for the SWCD’s portion of the funds. This will be each year for 2 years.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to sign the agreement with PF and the SWCD for $3250 for each of the 2 years of the agreement**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Area 2 Meeting:** Will be a Zoom meeting. There are 2 new resolutions, which were handed out to each Board member, that will be read at the meeting. One was for administrative support and the other was to exempt SWCD Supervisor reporting requirements. You can call in or go to the link on your computer to join in.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* Working on CRP plans and doing site visits.
* No new programs.
* Working CREP easement with one person yet.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Water sampling as needed.
* Third drill should be ready by next meeting for rental this fall if needed. We have done about double from last year drill rental.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman:**

* Working on CSP and EQIP but having computer program problems
* 2 – CSP Preapproved
* 1 EQIP funded

**County Commissioner - Ed Pederson:**

* Tom Orr dropped off some beetles for him this year to clean up leafy spurge
* Swift County received $1.2million for Covid Related activities.

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

* PdT – JPB submitted 1W1P to BWSR. They have up to 90 days approve. SWCD should be able to adopt plan in August.
* MPCA Grant – Applying for a small grant for sub water shed – Drywood Creek.
* Soil Health Event - Will be held at Scott Olson’s on July 23rd from 4- 6pm. There will be equipment displayed, soil pit, and soil demonstrations at the event.
* Chippewa Watershed July 17th JPB conference call meeting. They are waiting on all SWCD & County Boards to approve new JPA.
* We mailed out 345 letters to landowners in the East Branch of the Chippewa informing them that there may be funding for potential projects and to contact the SWCD.
* Drywood Creek Update: Contractor is planning on doing it next on his project list.
* Ag Water Quality Certification – Jim Forsell is interested and met with him. He will certify as is without any necessary modifications.
* Seed sale comparison from 2018-2020 was handed out. The program continues to make money each year.
* Buffer Update – 99% buffer on public waters, 98% on public ditches. The county gets $140,000 a year. We have one landowner with 3 parcels that are not compliant.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 13th at the Tree Building.

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**Local Work Group met after Board meeting.**