

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE July 9, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on July 9, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Absent:

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheri Gades, SWCD, Will Clayton PF, and Randy Schmiesing NRCS, Edward Pederson County Commissioner, Tom Orr SWCD.

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Outstanding Conservationist: Discussed several possible producers. We are looking for someone who has done some type of projects recently. It was brought up that Steve Svor has done CRP and tree plantings every year for some time now.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded Ahrndt by to approve Steve and Gail Svor as the 2015 Outstanding Conservationist for Swift County.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

None

District Technician - Tom Orr:

- Pomme de Terre is applying for funds to give incentives through a grant to put in larger buffer strips in the Drywood Creek area.
- Beetle collections were done on 2 different occasions with people from several different counties coming and collecting to take back with them.
- The agreement with the DNR for the reading of the 26 wells.
- **Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the agreement with the DNR to monitor the 26 observation wells.**
- **Affirmative: All Motion carried**

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:

- EQIP: Sediment dams have been installed.
- CSP: None funded in Swift County due to low scoring points
- 1026: There were 15 requests as at this time.
- WRE: No applications. Will has been doing monitoring on old easements in Pope, Swift, and Stevens.
- CRP: Will and Rick have been working on plans

Farm Bill – Will Clayton:

- **CRP:** Doing site visits for eligibility and suitability. Will be working in Willmar for the next couple of weeks to help with their CRP work load, due to they have lost their Farm Bill Tech.
- **RIM/Wetlands:** Working on several different contracts.
- **WIA:** Two contracts
- **Trainings:** Conservation Planning training will be held Aug 18-21.
- **WRP:** Monitoring 1707 acres

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Arhndt to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Next meeting is scheduled for **August 13th at 8:00 am.**

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY