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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE June 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

P & I – Carl Ahrndt

Absent: President – Dale Schlieman and Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Building:**  Waiting for Allpress to finish adding gravel and to trench in water line. Molden will be pouring concrete soon.

**Tractor Lease Comparison:** No new information

**Nonstructural Land Management Practice Policy:** Reviewed the policy 3-5 yr. contract. We are putting a cap of 100 acres and a minimum of 10 acres.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the cap of 100 acres with minimum of 10 acres as part of the policy**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Business:**

**PRAP Grant Agreement:** We received a grant for 50% of the cost of the Strategic Planning meeting.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the signing the agreement for the PRAP Grant to cover 50% of the costs of the Strategic Planning Meeting.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**MN DNR:** Well reading contract is due. There are 29 wells that are to be read 8 times per year. The amount will remain the same as before.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the signing the agreement with the MN DNR to read the observation wells.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Farm Bill Statement of Interest:** We will match the $3250 for the Farm Bill Biologist.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve signing the Farm Bill Statement of Interest with a $3250 match.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Local Partner Agreement:** We will sign the agreement with PF

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve signing the Local Partner Agreement with PF.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**MAWQCP Agreement:** This allows us to work with the Water Quality Certification.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the signing the agreement with MAWQCP.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Tom Jerve State Cost Share 2018 Close Out:** This project has been completed for a sediment basin. The total cost of the project was $8831.34. We cost shared $1169.95 of the project which was also funded by EQIP. It is in Swenoda section 28.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve signing the State Cost Share Contract Closeout with Tom Jerve for the amount of $1169.95.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**John Beyer Buffer Cost Share –** He is receiving $300

**Joe McGeary Buffer Cost Share –** He will receive $200

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve the 2 buffer cost shares for the amounts as listed.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2016 Local Capacity Grant Close Out:** All funds have been spent as of May. The original amount of the grant was $120,337.00.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the 2016 Local Capacity Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Swift County Fair:** We will have the same Fair booth as we usually do for $130. It is the 15foot space.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve having a booth at the Swift County Fair.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Outstanding Conservationist:** Discussed having Ron Schliep and Doug Schliep as our Outstanding Conservationists for 2018. Andy will contact them.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve contacting Ron & Doug Schliep about being the 2018 Outstanding Conservationists.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Have a few trees left
* Requested purchasing a couple signs that we could display at some tree plantings to advertise the SWCD.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve purchasing a couple signs with the SWCD’s name on to advertise.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

* Buffer flagging has been going on. 260 letters going out letting producers know that CRP is now available for buffers. Nothing has changed with the Buffer Law.
* Chippewa River – new coordinator is Emma Volz. She will be starting June 18th.
* Strategic Planning Session – Will be held July 26 at McKinney’s from 9-3
* Lower Shakopee Creek – 5 field days have been planned for this spring-summer.
* Rain Garden Update **-** Received a quote and design for the Benson garden. Benson schools state they do not have funds right now but bring the plans back this fall.
* Pomme de Terre – PTMAPP is compete and training will be done. Maps are being developed to show priority areas

**Farm Bill Biologist - Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* CRP is open until Aug 17th for limited practices such as filter strips and upland practices
* Rental rates have changed to only 3 rates with the highest being $174. There is no SIP or PIP incentives, but there is still cost share.
* Expiring can get a 1 yr. extension.

**NRCS –None**

**Financial Report**:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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