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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE June 11, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Basement, Benson Minnesota June 11, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**ABSENT:** President – Dale Schlieman

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

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Local Work Group** – Discussion was held on what to do with the Local Work Group meeting. It was decided to hold it July 9th along with the July Board meeting. It will be held at Ambush Park from 10:00 – 12:00. We will be serving a brunch for those attending. Andy will contact the City of Benson about reserving the shelter.

**New Business:**

**Jess Berge Tree Planting:** He is contesting his bill. There appears to be some miscommunication about what was to be planted. He is requesting that we reduce his bill by $91.80.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve reducing his bill by $91.80.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Tim Koosman Seed:** While using the 10’ drill a piece broke and dumped his seed. It was not his fault that is broke, it was just wear and tear on equipment. The cost to replace see is about $600.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to replace his seed since it was a broken drill which is our responsibility. Cost of seed will be $600.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Nature Day for the 2020 year will be cancelled. We will hold the event in 2021 again.**

**Appleton Community Orchard:** The SWCD has been approached by the organizers of the Appleton Community Orchard to purchase tree tubes, fabric and staples. We have been working with them on what to plant also. Since this is a community orchard, we discussed donating the few items they received from us.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve donating the tree tubes, fabric, and staples to the Appleton Community Orchard.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Nonstructural Land Management Request FY21:** This request is for the cover crop cost share.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve signing the Nonstructural Land Management Request FY21.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Boundaries:** We were just wondering if anyone remembers how they were created. BWSR has been asked also, but we have not received anything saying how or why there were set up as they are.

**Outstanding Conservationist 2020:**  Since there is not going to be a Swift County Fair and we don’t know about the State Convention, we have decided to not have an Outstanding Conservationist for the 2020 year.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Plantings went well.
* Drills are being repaired as issue arise. We have had a lot of people renting so far.
* Water testing has started for the year.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: None**

**County Commissioner - Ed Pederson:**

* There will not be a Swift County Fair this year.
* If you need to get into the Courthouse, call and set up times.

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

* People have been very happy with their trees again this year.
* 1W1P will be submitted to BWSR for approval.
* NRCS Soil Health Scholarship - Andy applied and received $500 for the PdT Soil Health Team meeting to be held at Scott Olson’s sometime in July.
* Chippewa Watershed no JPB, Tac meeting June 11. Mailing 345 letters in the East Branch for potential projects.
* Drywood Creek Update: Contractor is planning on doing it next on his project list.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 9th at 8:00 am at Ambush Park.

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