

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **June 8 2017** BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, June 8, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

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

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Discussed the possible location of a new building out at the tree building site. We are still looking for estimates

Ag Inspector: We received the new contract between Swift County and the Soil & Water for the Ag Inspector position. It is basically the same as the old one, just updated any statutes that needed to be.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve the new Ag Inspector contract with Swift County and the Swift Soil & Water.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Independent Contractor Service Contract: We have contracted Tom Orr for the Ag Inspector duties. He will be an independent contractor as per agreement. He will be required to submit a summary for the work he did for the month prior to getting paid. He will be paid on the 15th of each month for the month prior.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the independent contractor agreement with Tom Orr for the Ag Inspector position.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

Water Festival will be held September 15th this year.

Area 2 Meeting: I will let them know that we will have 3 attending. It will be held in Willmar.

Swift County Fair: We received the paperwork for reserving a booth for the Swift County Fair again. We will reserve the same space as before which is a 15ft space for the amount of \$130.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to reserving the 15ft space for \$130.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

DNR Well Agreement: We have received the agreement from the DNR for the wells. They will be adding 2 wells and taking 1 away this year.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve DNR Well Agreement for well monitoring.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Chippewa Tour: Andy and Sheri met with Jennifer Hoffman and Robyn Moore about doing a field day. The tour will be held July 18th from 9:00 – 12:30. It will be hosted at a farm site to be determined yet. It will be on soil health and will have speakers and demonstrations. CWRP will be paying for the event.

Operational Agreement & Cooperative Working Agreement: This agreement will be between NRCS and the SWCD. Andy and Sheri attended a webinar in Willmar to learn about the agreement and what all needs to be done to determine the computer seats that will be available to the SWCD.

Barb Zeroth – Acting DC for NRCS:

- EQIP – 5 contracts have been obligated
- CSP - Meeting with producers to get applications completed by the June 30 deadline
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District Technician – Andy Albertsen:

- Buffer inquiries have slowed down. The County must decide by June 28, 2017 as to whether they will be the enforcing agency to receive funding in the 2017 year.
- Moving drills for CRP plantings and some grass plantings. Drills need some repair.
- Tree planting is finished.
- MASWCD Leadership Training – Andy would like to attend this if possible.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve Andy to attend the Leadership Training and will pay for the cost.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

- MAWQCP – Met with Harmon Wilts and daughters to get certified. Grant Pearson came and helped with entering information in the computer for this program.

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried

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

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY