

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE November 13, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota November 13, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

ABSENT: President – Dale Schlieman, P & I – Carl Ahrndt

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

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Tree Building: Corners are staked. We have a different contractor due to conflict of scheduling.

Technician 2 Position: Andy and Sheri came up with a job description and announcement for the position. We are ready to post the position at colleges and web site.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the posting of the Technician 2 position.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

Water Festival: We received a bill from the CRWP for 2017 for the amount of \$2536. They want a signed cooperative agreement signed with them for the next 3 yrs. The costs would increase each year by \$26. We are wondering what the hours are to coordinate this. Maybe we just do it ourselves and not have CWRP set up the Water Festival speakers. Sheri will check on the hours Jennifer puts into it. We is discuss it at the December meeting.

State Convention: Handed out the information for registration for the State Convention. Will mail the packets to those missing today. It was decided to go out Sunday night for supper with Tom Orr. Meet in the hotel lobby at 6:00.

CRWP: Andy was the lead from the staff that attended the CRWP meeting. This meeting staff attended to try and get SWCD supervisors and/or staff on the CRWP Board. Meeting went well and moving in the right direction.

WCTSA Joint Powers Agreement Resolution: We deed to sign a new agreement due to a language update.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to sign the WCTSA Joint Powers Agreement Resolution.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Dan Labat-RMB Environmental Lab: They would like to have Benson be a drop off for their kits. They would drop off kits for residents to pick up to get their wells tested. All we would do is have a place to keep them until the driver comes and picks them up. They would be here to pick up 4 days a week. It would be a community service for us. There is no money involved.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to allow RMB Labs to leave the kits in the office and their driver pick them up.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

District Technician – Andy Albertsen:

- Drywood Creek dam has been removed and work is at a standstill due to water levels. Contractor would like to get partial payment. It will not be completed until next spring

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to approve the partial payment for this project when the contractor submits bills to be paid.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

- Koosmann project is finished except for the seeding and a little dirt work.
- Louise Fischer Buffer Cost Share 2018-01BF: the amount is \$1020 for 3.4 acres. This is \$300 per acre cost share for seeding in the buffer.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the Louise Fischer Buffer Cost Share for the amount of \$1020.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Area 2 President, Mike Jorgenson is taking time off and Mark will be replacing him until he returns.

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Next meeting is scheduled for **December 18th** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY