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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE November 12th, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the USDA Service Center, Benson Minnesota November 12, 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:**

**Area 2 Meeting** – Sheri gave a short report on what occurred during this Zoom meeting. There will be no dues paid this year since there is enough in the account and there will not be any in person meetings. The current officers will stay in office for one more year due to not being able to meet in person.

**ATV Replacement:** Discussed the bids we received for a new 4-wheeler. The one that we are looking at is the Yamaha from Motor Sports of Willmar. It has all the features we are looking for.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the purchasing the Yamaha 4-wheeler from Motor Sports for $9132.00.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Business:**

**MOA with NRCS:** We need to sign the MOA with NRCS stating that we will continue to work with them as partners.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve signing the MOA with NRCS.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2020 Soil Management Summit Scholarship:** Summit will be held December 15&16 from 9:00 – 12:30. It will be held entirely online. Registration for the summit is $50. We discussed sponsoring 5 scholarships for who would like to attend the Summit. This would be on a first come first served basis.

 **Motion was made** **by** **Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve sponsoring 5 scholarships for the Soil Management Summit.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Year End December Meeting:** We will be moving the December Board meeting to December 17th. This is to ensure that all the bills are in for the end of the year and that all Board members have turned in their vouchers for payment.

**State Convention:** The State Convention will be held December 8th from 9:00 – 12:00. This will also be held all online. We do not have the details yet but will contact each Board member as soon as we do.

**Monitor, Arms, and Tablets:** With some of the projects the office has been taking on, it would be nice for Sheri would need a second monitor and arms to mount both monitors. There was discussion on purchasing tablets for the Board members who wanted them. After talking, the members that would use a tablet already had them. So, we would not be needing tablets at this time.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve the purchase of a monitor and arms for Sheri’s work station.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Covid Discussion:** If we can not meet in person, what are our options…... do we want to do conference calls or zoom meetings?

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Drills have been moving and we have had 58 uses and 1180 acres planted.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: None**

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

* PdT – 1W1P developing 2-year budget to include staff time and BMP funds. There are still other grants with funds for projects.
* Chippewa River Watershed – Working on finishing MPCA Public Participation Plan.
* MN Ag Water Quality Certification –Wentzel have fields checked for residue, scoring fields, and potential structural BMPs.
* Surveying – Doing a lot of surveying on sites in the East Branch for projects on the river.
* RIM Easement – Potential wetland restoration on an easement that went in 2013 but nothing was completed.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson**

Tuesday they will finalize CARES money.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 17th.

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