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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE November 14, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota November 14, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

**Abse**nt: President – Dale Schlieman, P & I – Scott Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Micayla Lakey PdT Coordinator, Thomas Tjepkes NRCS

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree for Clint:** Has been planted by the City of Benson Park crew.

**New Bank Account:** We need everyone to go to the State Bank of Danvers and sign the paperwork to open the checking and savings account. Most of you have stopped and signed already, but if not please do it. Debit cards have been ordered.

**BWSR Academy –** Everyone that attended gave a short report on the sessions they attended.

**State Convention:** Anyone that is planning on attending must get registered. It must be done online, so if you would like us to do it, please contact Andy.

**New Business:**

**2017 State Cost share and 2018 State Cost Share:** All funds have been spent and reported in Elink, so we need to close both grants out.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the close out and sign final financial reports.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Swift County Drainage:** State Cost Share 2017-03 in Cashel 27 has been completed. It was for 4 side inlets and voucher has been signed and returned. Total cost of project was $5,731.01 and we cost shared 75% which was $3675.00.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the close out of the Swift County Drainage Cost Share Contract 2017-03 for $3,675.00.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Riverview Farms Partnership:** Cost Share project #2019-02 located in West Bank 26. This project was for a streambank stabilization project. Funds were from the 2019 Local Capacity grant. Total project cost was $15979.00 with 75% cost share for $11,984.25.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the close out of Riverview Cost Share Contract 2019-03 for $11,984.25.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**New Laptop:** Due to the age and old operating system on the laptop with our QuickBooks on, it was decided to purchase a new one.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Chippewa JPA:** Andy gave an update on somethings such as trying to get SWCD Supervisors back on the Board and went over the new agreement.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the JPA pending legal review.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**MOU Pope/Swift Cooperative Weed Management Grant:** We received the MOU with Pope County and Swift County for the cooperative weed grant. The grant will be for $20,000 to be used between the 2 counties.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the MOU with Pope County and Swift County for the Cooperative Weed Management Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**PdT Watershed Plan Review:**  Andy gave a presentation for informal review of the plan. Discussed what areas have been prioritized and what concerns need to be met. In December the JPB Board will ok possible adoption of plan will be June or July.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to the informal PdT Watershed Plan.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt: NONE**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Two dormmate seedings done with drill
* 2 landowners looking for tree plans
* 1 ATV dormmate seeding completed
* Conservation Tillage workshop in St Cloud Dec 17 & 18

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to have Dalton attend this workshop.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**NRCS – Thomas Tjepkes:**

Handed out the Civil Rights for all the Supervisors to sign and it was discussed.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to the Civil Rights MOU.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

* Looking for a motion to approve the letter for approval of RCPP to be sent to MDA.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the letter for the RCPP being sent to MDA.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:** Discussed finalizing the budget, bldg. citizens committee met looking to see what needs to be done in County bldg.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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