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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE November 15, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the Swift County Court House, Benson Minnesota November 15, 2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

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

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

BWSR Led Supervisor Workshop may be held in January. Still working on details.

**Audit –** Completed and submitted to the State.

**Tower Computer –** The laptop is here and all setup. We need to have the tower cleaned by IT person then we need to dispose of it. It is old and has been having some issues so, not worth trying to sell.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch to approve having IT wipe the computer clean and dispose of it.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**State Convention - We** need to get something for the Auction at the State Convention. Usually, we spend around $100.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve spending $100 on some Auction items for the State Convention.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Employee Retreat –** Was held October 28 &29th. We discussed visiting the Central Lakes Research facility in Staples and Redhead Creamery in Brooten. Both were very interesting, and the guys drove the big machinery in Staples! We had a discussion on different topics in the morning in Brainard about what we see for the future of the SWCD.

**New Business:**

**December Meeting –** We discussed options on when to hold the year end meeting. Each Supervisor needs to have all their bills, number of meetings, and milage turned into Sheri for payment for the year. The meeting will be held on December 16th so that all expense from the State Convention turned in.

**Upper MN 1W1P** – We need to designate one Supervisor to be the lead contact for this 1W1P going forward. Since the watershed is in Olson’s district, he will be the representative from Swift County SWCD.

 **Mesenbrink Farms –** Construction of the three basins in Fairfield Section 10 have been completed. The total cost was $36,812.80 with 75% cost shared through PdT which is $27,609.60.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve the close out for Mesenbrink Farms cost share for $27609.60 with funds from PdT grants.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: Notes from discussion with Andy**

* No plans to replace Thomas anytime soon.
* Level 1 conservation planners training for Andy and Dalton was discussed. This is geared towards CRP.
* Discussed contribution agreement – storing their UTV and trailer in our building.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Observation wells are returning to normal.
* RIM – CREP encroachment have been reposted and measured.
* Drill rental has had 3 users this fall for little over 50 acres total.

**District Manager – Andy Albertsen:**

* PdT Watershed Association has a ranking and scoring spreadsheet in progress. Annual meeting will be Tuesday, Nov 30th in Morris. They will be serving a meal and having a guest speaker.
* Chippewa TAC reviewed 1W1P budget, timeline, and workplan. The JPB needs to approve documents for submittal.
* Buffers – Scott and Kody will be contacting landowners to follow up with implementation. Will be flagging some parcels with Kody this week.
* CNH – met with them to discuss future tree planting and possible native planting behind main facility. There is a phone meeting to learn more about how the SWCD can be involved. They are working on becoming certified through the Alliance for Water Stewardship

**Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

* Public hearing tomorrow concerning appointing the County Treasurer instead of an election. The current one is not running again when his term is over.

**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 December 16th, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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