

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE Oct 8th, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on October 8th, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice Chair – Mark Weimerskirch
Secretary- Clinton Schuerman
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

ABSENT: Carl Ahrndt, Dale Schlieman

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Randy Schmiesing NRCS, Sheri Gades SWCD, and Tom Orr SWCD, Will Clayton SWCD.

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Drill Insurance: There is now insurance on the new drill.

Buffer: We had a discussion on what we will be needing as far as equipment, staff, and drills. Everyone is advised to bring more ideas to the November meeting.

New Business:

NACD - Dues are due at the next meeting. We will do the same as we have for the last few years at the amount of \$775.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to approve paying the NACD dues of \$775.00

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Sheri is checking on additional furniture that we will need in the office when the Buffer person starts.

Area 2: Mark gave a report of the Area 2 meeting he attended. There will be a new formula on figuring out the dues. It will be discussed at the State Convention. There was discussion concerning the buffer issues. He also gave an update on the State Envirothon.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:

- 1026 - To date there are 32 requests to be completed.
- EQIP – There has been a lot of interest in putting wheat rotations in to their operations and grazing & cover crops.
- CSP – Taking applications for the 2016 funding.
- CRP - Will and Rick are working on plans starting October 1.

Farm Bill Biologist – Will Clayton:

- CRP – Working on contracts to start Oct 1. Have 92 contracts completed
- RIM/Easements – Anderson’s is waiting for signatures then he may donate it to PF. Benson contract is signed and at BWSR.
- Acres – 402 net gain in CEP sign up, monitored 1336 acres and enrolled 992.45 acres.

Farm Bill – Tom Orr:

- CREP spot checks are done.
- Cost Share spot checks are done
- Pomme de Terre – City of Appleton will be putting in a rain garden by the City office and are working on a stream barb with Carol Koosman

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

Vice Chairman Mark Weimerskirch adjourned the meeting at 9:30.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 12** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY