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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE October 14, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the Swift County Court House, Benson Minnesota October 14, 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.

**Old Business:**

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

**Nature Day** – Turned out really good. Weather was great!

**New Business:**

**CD Renewal –** We discussed options and decided to let it automatically renew on 10/14/2021.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by** **Ahrndt to approve letting the CD renew automatically at Credit Co-op.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2020 Audit** – All the information and paperwork has been submitted to Peterson Company to complete the 2020 audit.

 **Mesenbrink Farms –** Matt wants to do some rock inlets in Fairfield Section 27. He is going to be using PdT funds for this project. He wants to install 3 inlets at a cost of $1800. PdT will cost share 75% which comes to $1350.00. This will come from 2019 Fed 319 grant.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by** **Olson to approve signing the PdT Cost Share Contract 76-02-19-319 with Mesenbrink Farms for three rock inlets.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2022 Buffer Grant & 2022 Local Capacity Grant –** We received the two grant applications to sign. We will receive $25,500 for the Buffer Law and $124,862 for Local Capacity.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by** **Olson to approve signing 2022 Buffer Law and 2022 Local Capacity Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Staff Retreat –** Andy brought up having an employee retreat for the SWCD staff. We have looked at going to Staples to the College to tour their research farm. Also, staff would meet to discuss some of the concerns and goals for the SWCD. We would stay in Brainard overnight and come back the next day. A tour of the Redhead Creamery would be on the way home.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve having the staff attend an employee retreat.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Resolution Packets –** Each Supervisor was mailed a resolution packet prior to the meeting so they could do their voting and then turn the votes into Sheri to tally on the original ballet to return. Each Supervisor signed the ballot as they turned in their ballot.

State Convention is still in person.

November 11th is the next meeting date, but due to it being Veterans Day we need to reschedule to a different day. After some discussion it was decided to hold the meeting on November 15th at 8:00.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve moving the next meeting to November 15th due to Veterans Day being on the 11th.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Covid Update –** Nothing really new. We are still not open to the public in the building.

**NRCS – Thomas Tjepkes:**

* Working on CSP renewals, payments and certifying projects.
* Last day is November 4th. Accepted a position in Wyoming.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Observation wells have come back up
* RIM – CREP encroachment violations have been contacted and will be flagged if needed.
* Site inspections only have a couple left to check.
* Drill rental list has three so far
* Tree prices have gone up, so we need to raise our prices to keep up.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve raising the price of trees for sale.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**District Manager – Andy Albertsen:**

* PdT Watershed Association has $398,234 available for grants. They did the coordinator review and are not very happy with what she has been doing.
* Chippewa River Watershed TAC meeting this afternoon. Will be discussing 1W1P plans
* Saturated buffer projects have one project to be installed this fall.
* Buffers – met with buffer committee last week and reviewed out of compliance parcels and developed a game plan. Scott and Kody will be contacting landowners to follow up with implementation. There are 16 parcels not compliant.

**Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

* Buffer committee met last week
* Taxes are due Oct 15

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to approve financial report.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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