

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE September 15, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, September 15, 2016.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman  
Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch  
Secretary – Clinton Schuerman  
P & I – Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, and Tom Orr SWCD.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**PRAP:** All the information that they have asked for has been submitted. Sheri brought a Data Practice Policy that the Board needs to vote on. It contains the procedures for information that is requested from the office that is not public information.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Data Practice Policy.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Water Plan Meeting:** There was a meeting with Sheri, Andy, Ed Pederson, Scott Collins, and Joe Fox concerning the Water Plan for Swift County. There was some discussion that Scott Collins would have the SWCD take over the plan. After meeting, Scott decided he would keep the Water Plan in his office.

**Computer Seat:** Sheri has contacted Mark Kulig and Dennis Fuchs concerning the current situation with the computer access and phones. There is a group of NRCS and SWCD people who are working on a new agreement. Until that is finished we will not have any new phone or computer seats. They are working to be completed by March 1, 2017.

**New Business:**

**District Leadership Tool:** Have it completed by the October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**BWSR Grants:** We have received the FY2017 grants from BWSR. The amount was \$36,681.00. We Have \$8,034 for easements, \$10,055 for state cost share, and \$18,592 for conservation delivery.

**MCIT:** Received an estimate for the upcoming year's insurance costs. We have an increase due to new equipment that needs to be insured. The estimated cost will be \$3701 and work comp \$737.

**Garage Rental:** We have been discussing the possibility of renting part of the building across the street to put vehicles and drills in for the winter. The Board will meet with the landowner at the October meeting to discuss the size and get a walk through with the owner.

**Buffer Technician – Andy Albertsen:**

- Reported on buffers in Swift County being about 45% compliant right now.
- Attended buffer meeting in St Cloud.
- Met with Mike Johnson and Ethan Jenzen on issues on the DNR map.
- Lot of producers/landowners coming in with questions and trying to get compliant
- Next DNR map due out in October.

**Shore land Amendment:** Working with Scott Collins and Ethan Jenzen on having the county shore land ordinance match with the buffer requirements. The County ordinance states 50’ for public waters and the buffer rule says 50’ average with a 30’ minimum.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve working with County to change the current ordinance to match with the Buffer rules.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Farm Bill – Tom Orr:**

- Working on spot checks.
- Ordering fabric for next year, looking to purchase 50 rolls.
- Weed inspector – working with Pope doing some spraying of wild parsnip.

**Financial Report:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

President – Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 9:30.

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 13** at 8:00 am.

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

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**SECRETARY**