

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE Sept 17th, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on September 17, 2015.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman - Dale Schlieman  
Vice Chair – Mark Weimerskirch  
Secretary- Clinton Schuerman  
PR & I - Carl Ahrndt

**ABSENT:** Orvin Gronseth

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Chairman - Dale Schlieman

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

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Water Festival:** Will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup> at Ambush Park. We will be setting up immediately follow the Board meeting.

**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 October meeting.

**New Business:**

**BWSR:** Academy will be held October 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>. Will, Sheri, and Tom will be attending.

**Farm Bill Agreement:** We have received the new Farm Bill Agreement for FY2016 with Pheasants Forever.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to sign the Pheasant Forever agreement for the Farm Bill Assistance FY2016 grants.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**Buffer & MAWQCP:** We received an agreement to receive \$30,000 for buffer work and \$6,000.00 for the MAWQCP program work.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to sign the Buffer & MAWQCP agreement for the money to implement these programs.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**MCIT:** The dividend letter came to inform us on what our dividend will be this year. The amount for 2015 will be \$1009.00. We also need to insure the new Truax drill.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to insure the drill for \$25,000.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:**

- 1026 - To date there are 23 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.
- Working Lands Group meeting recommendations have been forwarded on to the Area office.

**Farm Bill Biologist – Will Clayton:**

- CRP – Doing eligibility and suitability plans
- RIM/Easements – Anderson’s is still moving forward.
- Training/Mtgs – Conservation Planning Training was held and he passed! Attended the Prairie Reconstruction Field Day Aug 27, and the Corn and Soybean Assoc picnic on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> as a speaker on buffers.

**Farm Bill – Tom Orr:**

- CREP spot checks need to be done. There are about 80 that need to be 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 Ahrndt to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.**

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried**

Chairman - Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 10:40.

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 8<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 am.

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE**

\_\_\_\_\_ **SECRETARY**