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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE September 13, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota September 13, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

Absent: Carl Ahrndt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Building:**  Finally finished. Allpress brought in more fill & river rock for along the sides. Water is all hooked up, so we are just waiting for a final bill from Allpress.

**Tractor Lease:** Waiting to see if there is a program again next year

**Area 2 Meeting:** Meeting will be held in Albany on September 19. There will be elections and legislative reps there.

**New Business:**

**Rod Schlieman:** Cost Share contract 2017-02 looking for funding alternative intakes in Fairfield Section 33. The estimate total cost will be $600 with Rod receiving 75% cost share which is $450.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve the Rod Schlieman State Cost Share Contract 2017-02 for the amount of $450.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**BWSR Local Capacity Grant:** 2019 Local Capacity Grant is for $100,000 now and possible match of $18000 coming in January. We need to sign the agreement and return it to BWSR.

**BWSR Buffer Grant:** 2019 Buffer Grant is for the amount of $30,000 again this year. We need to sign this agreement and return it to BWSR.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to the 2019 Local Capacity Grant for $100,000 and the Buffer Grant for the amount of $30,000.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Buffer Monitoring Plan:** We have a 3-year plan, it needs to be posted on website. It breaks down the County into 3 different areas. One area checked each year for the next 3 years. The time for this will come from the Buffer Grant.

**Motion was made** **by Schlieman seconded by Gronseth to approve the 3-year Buffer Monitoring Plan.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Tree Planter:** Not in good shape, will look at possibilities on what to do with it.

**BWSR Academy:** Will be held on October 29-31 at Breezy Point. Andy, Dalton, Gemma and Sheri will be attending this training.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to send the staff to the BWSR Academy again this year.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Letter to State Conservationist:** It was discussed that we should draft a letter voicing our concerns about not having a DC in the office full time. We do not want to make this a complaining letter, but one that just states that we are concerned that there has been 5 different acting DCs. It is hard to be consistent with this many people coming and going in the office.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to draft a letter to the new State Conservationist voicing our concerns due to not having a full time DC.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt: None**

**District Manager** **– Andy Albertsen:**

* Chippewa River – There will be a work group meeting September 18 and Board meeting on the 21st.
* Pomme de Terre – No September meeting.
* Water Plan Update – Working on update and charging time to Scott’s Water Plan money.
* Water Quality Certification – Swift County has its 1st certified producer that is Nathan Collins.
* Adopt a Hwy – Hwy 9 from the Sale barn Rd to the Beet Plant, which is about 2 ½ miles Staff will do the walking and clean the ditch. Any Supervisors that want to help are welcomed. We will notify them when we plan on going out to clean the ditches.

**Financial Report**:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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