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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE April 12, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota April 12th, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

P & I – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Peterson County Commissioner, 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 Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Secretary Report and the Agenda.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Building:**  The well estimate is $5337.50, which is about $800 more that the first plan. We will be putting in a well with a pressure tank instead of just a sand point hydrant. It will be easier to drain in the winter.

**Tractor Lease Comparison:** Andy handed out a comparison sheet with information from other districts. Board should look over it before the next meeting so that we can discuss it at the next meeting.

**Internet Options:** Verizon’s Unlimited Plan is not really unlimited, so we are going back to have Charter put in a line as soon as they can dig a line in.

**New Business:**

**Pencils -** We have been approached by 2 local churches about handing out pencils for their Soil Stewardship Sunday. These pencils would have our information on it to promote the Swift SWCD. After a short discussion, it was decided to order 1000 pencils from Promo Direct. That is the company that we get our pens from.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to approve the purchase of 1000 pencils for handing out at various events to promote the Swift SWCD.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2017 Audit –** We will be needing an audit completed again this year. Michael Peterson’s office has sent us a bid letter. The amount was $2250.00 to complete the audit.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to approve the bid of $2250.00 from Peterson’s office to conduct the audit.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Tree Pick Up Day:**  With the weather being like it has been, the nurseries have not been able to get the trees ready for delivery. We will probably have to move the pickup date into early May.

**2016 Local Capacity Reconciliation:** We need to be signed and uploaded to Elink This process needs to be done when we spend 75% of a large grant.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve the reconciliation of the 2016 Local Capacity Grant**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Nonstructural Land Management Policy & ECWM Program Policy (State Cost Share):** Andy passed these out to everyone to review prior to the next meeting in May.

**Filing notice was received for elections:** The filing period for elections this fall is May 22 – June 5th.

**Buffer Cost Share Contracts:** We have had 3 more producers that want to sign up for Buffer Cost Share. They are as follows: Carlton Nelson $600, Jesse Nelson $200, and Joe McGeary $200.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve these 3 Buffer Cost Share contracts.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Made a new tree book with pictures of what they look like when they mature along with how big they grow.
* Picking up rain barrels
* Attending a Side Inlet training in Fergus

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

* Have lot of field checks this spring and flagging.
* Seed Sales- Working with the dealer to show how to set up a spreadsheet with orders. So far, we have 5 quotes out and 3 orders.
* Pomme de Terre – Continue to work on 1W1P.
* Chippewa River – Appointing an Interim director. And looking at the future of the Chippewa River Watershed Project. Also restructuring of the Board.
* Ag BMP Loan – Tronn Tosel applied for a loan for a conservation tillage equipment at the cost of $60,000
* Lower Shakopee Creek – Have an AIG grant to hold field day and work shops

**NRCS – Jeff Hellermann:**

* **CSP** has 4 applications have completed the eligibility.
* **EQIP** 3 preapproved contracts

**Today is Jeff’s last day working in the Benson office. He will be working on a report for the next DC, which will be Corey Walker from Stevens County.**

**Financial Report**:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 10th, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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