

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE April 14, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on April 14, 2016.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman  
Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch  
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth  
P & I - Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD

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

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

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Furniture:** The district will need some new desks once the buffer person starts. Sheri will be looking into the purchase of new desks and chairs. She will contact Rob Lee from the City and Weimerskirch will check on prices also.

**Motion was made Gronseth by seconded by Ahrndt to have Sheri order whatever is needed for furniture for the office.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**Trailer & Side by Side:** The side by side and new trailer are parked outside today for the Board to look at.

**New Business:**

**Tillage & Erosion Survey Program:** The District was contacted to help with the new survey by the UM. Sheri will go out with them and help gather the information. The District could receive up to \$5000. We received an agreement with the UM to sign.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to have Sheri go with and to accept the agreement with the UM.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**Randy Ascheman Cost Share:** Randy is doing a pit closure in Hegbert Section 35. The total cost is \$4590 with the cost sharable amount will be \$1942.50. This is 75% of what is cost sharable. The pit clean out is not cost sharable and that is \$2000.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve Randy Ascheman's cost share for the amount of \$1942.50 for a pit closure.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**Audit:** The District is over the threshold, so we need to have an audit performed. We have received a bid from Michael Peterson for the amount of \$2125.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the bid from Michael Peterson to do the audit**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**Upper Minnesota River Watershed District:** We received a Contribution Agreement with them to provide help with a project they are working on that has a small part in Swift County.

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch approve signing the Contribution Agreement with the Upper Minnesota River Watershed District.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**Weimerskirch** gave a report on the Area 2 meeting that was on Wednesday April 13<sup>th</sup>. There was a lot of good information concerning the GPS aspect of the mapping of buffers.

**NRCS – Randy Schmiesing: None**

**Farm Bill – Tom Orr: None**

**Farm Bill Biologist - Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**Financial Report:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

President – Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 10:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for **May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 8:00 am.

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

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**SECRETARY**