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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE April 9, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room and by conference call, Benson Minnesota April 9, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**Absent**: None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner

**Motion to hold meeting via conference call due to COVID-19 was made by Olson and seconded by Weimerskirch**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Olson to approve the Secretary Report and the Agenda with changes as printed.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Legislative Days –** March 24 – 25th was cancelled.

**Local Work Group** - Has been postponed to a later date.

**New Business:**

**COVID-19 Planning:** NRCS and FSA will have one person per agency working. We are all working in the office or the field each day.

**Tree Pickup Day:** Will be held on Friday April 24th at the office.

**Easement Delivery Grant Agreement:** We have received the agreement for this grant which state we will receive $50 per easement that we inspect. The amount of the grant is $8950. We need to sign and return to BWSR.

**Motion to sign the Easement Delivery Grant Agreement was made by Weimerskirch**

**and seconded by Olson.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Cancelled Contracts:** Lance Mumm 76-02-16-319, Alan Mumm 76-03-16-319, and Doug Schliep 76-04-16-319 are all Pomme de Terre funds that are expiring before the projects can be completed.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve cancelling these contracts.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Upper MN River Headwater Resolution:** There is a boundary change resolution to make the change and supporting applying for 1W1P in 2021.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve the resolution on boundary change and applying for 1W1P in 2021.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* April 14th will be picking up potted trees from Yellow Medicine.
* April 22nd the bareroot trees will be delivered.
* Tree Pickup day is April 24th **.**
* Plantings are up this year.
* Drills are ready to go.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* CRP General offers there was 82 and all were funded.
* CREP had 450 approved applications in the state. 90% are wetland restoration acres. One batching period 2020, next batching period April 13 – June 1.
* SHIPP sign up starts March 30 – August 21. Short term CRP 3-5 yr. contracts. No more that 15% of field and offering about 50% of rental rates. To be eligible it has to be farmed 2017-2019. Have had a few phone calls asking for information.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman:**

* CSP – One renewal, they are using new tool for ranking.
* 20 EQIP due in May.

**County Commissioner - Ed Pederson:**

* One COVID-19in Swift County so far.
* Property tax are due May 15th
* Prison plan for COVID-19 are on hold right now.

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

* PdT – 2016 Fed 319 Grant has $16,300 remaining in the grant which will expire Sept 30, 2020 but may be extended due to COVID-19. There has been a lot of cover crop applications.
* 1W1P – All comments have been addressed, targeting May JPB meeting to submit to BWSR.
* MAWQCP – The Wilts’ are almost completed. Nygaard has received payment from MDA on his well sealings.
* Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program – Working with Stan Antolick on a possible application.
* Seven seed sales so far.
* Chippewa River Association – JPA was approved at the March meeting Commissioners need to approve, but Swift has already approved it.

**Financial Reports:**

Sheri read the financial report to the Board for their approval. Will be sending a copy for Gronseth to sign after it is approved.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 8:00 am. This will be by conference call also.

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