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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE Aug 13, 2018 BOARD MEETING

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

P & I – 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 Ahrndt to approve the Secretary Report and the Agenda.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Building:**  Water is hooked up and concrete is done. We need more gravel to get it level with the apron and some type of rock around the 3 sides for run off.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to have Allpress bring more gravel and rock for around the sides of the building.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Tractor Lease:** Schlieman checked on a lease that was set up on paying for only the hours we used it. John Deere had a government program to lease at a lower rate. He put our name in to possibly get a tractor next spring at the government rate.

**Swift County Fair:** We will be going on Thursday Aug 16th to set up the booth. If any of the Supervisors are available over the weekend, check the booth. We are giving away a rain barrel.

**New Business:**

**Equipment Rental:** We have a new form for the drill rental. It has much more included in it from a risk management aspect. Also, we will be changing our per acre fee for the drill to match with the drill size - $10 for the 10’ and $12 for the 12’.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to approve the new lease agreement and the rate change effective January 1, 2019.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Shop Equipment:** Harrow drag for doing seedings with the ATV. Also, a mower for at the shed. Clint said he would mow it for now. Pressure washer – looked at 3 different brands and prices. Andy will check at Runnings to see if we can get one with a Honda motor.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve purchase of the harrow drag.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve purchase a pressure washer with a Honda or Briggs and Stratton motor.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Pictometry Agreement:** The Swift County GIS has sent the agreement for another year for the same price of $500.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve the agreement with the Swift County GIS for the Pictometry usage for the amount of $500 per year again.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Nitrate Clinic:** We will be holding another testing clinic on August 28th. It is a free service and anyone who wants their water tested can walk in.

**Water Festival:** Will be held on September 14th at Ambush Park again. We are still working on the presenters.

**Savings Accounts:** We have 2 savings accounts and thought we should put $50,000 into a CD to earn more interest.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to move $50,000 from the savings accounts to a CD.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Doing well readings
* Conducting site checks for State Cost Share contracts and RIM inspections.
* Building shelves for the new building

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

* Chippewa River – There will be a Board meeting on Aug 17th.
* Strategic Planning Session – Everyone thought it was much better than was expected. Will review every few months to stay on tract.
	+ Mission Statement was reviewed that day and we have been working on making a few changes in it. This is to make it shorter and more to the point.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to make the changes in the mission statement.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

* Pomme de Terre – Working on Clean Water Funds grant application
* Outstanding Conservationist: Doug Schliep will be sending us a picture and Andy is doing the write up for the fair and State.

**Dalton Herrboldt:** Six-month employee review was held. The Board was very happy with his work!

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to offer Dalton a $1 per hour raise effective September 1.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Financial Report**:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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