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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE August 8, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota August 8, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: None

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

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree for Clint:** Ordered and waiting for it to come. Plaque to be placed by the tree is here.

**One Year Review of Retreat:** Passed review sheets to all the Supervisors to look at and went over where we are with each category.

**New Business:**

**Rod Schlieman Cost Share:** Rod has decided not to do the intake, so he is cancelling his contract for $450.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Ron Evenson Buffer Cost Share:** We can close out Ron Evenson’s buffer cost share. He seeded 4.59 acres for $1377.05 payment.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch** **seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve the close out of Ron Evenson Buffer Cost Share for $1377.05.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Mike Haglund Buffer Cost Share BCS2018-023.** Mike is planting 4.67 acres in Pillsbury 36. This contract will be for $1401.00.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded Gronseth by to approve the Mike Haglund Buffer Cost Share BCS2018-023 for $1401.00.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Savings Account:** Andy and Sheri are looking at moving funds into money market savings accounts. They have a higher interest rate and few restrictions. All Board members will have to sign and provide their drivers license to the Credit Co-op.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Gronseth** **to approve Andy and Sheri moving funds to different account.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2020/2021 BWSR Program & Operation Grants Agreement:** We have received the State Cost Share and Conservation Delivery Grant Agreements. We need to approve them and sign so that they can be sent back for signatures from BWSR. We will be receiving $10,055 for Cost Share and $18,592 for Conservation Delivery for both years.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to sign the Program & Operation Grants with BWSR for 2020/2021.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**2020 Preliminary Budget:** Presented Board with the preliminary budget for 2020. Andy met with County Administrator to discuss the County’s allocation for 2020, and they are proposing $70,000 base with a $10,000 match for BWSR. We will be meeting with the County Commissioners on August 20th.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth** **seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve the preliminary budget for 2020.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2001 Ford 250 Pickup:** Discussed selling the pickup again. We do not really use it enough to justify keeping it. We will open it for bids again, with the minimum bid of $3000. We will close bids on Oct 10th.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to sell the 2001 Ford pickup by bid, with a minimum bid of $3000.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Dalton is now on the charge account at Runnings and Clint has been removed.**

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

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* SWAG testing going on
* Well monitoring
* Attended Conservation Planer Course
* Cleaning up equipment and getting ready for fall drill rental

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann: None**

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:** Discussed our budget and County’s allocation process.

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

* CRWP – Group meeting on Aug 16th @ 9:00 in Benson. Pope SWCD will be the lead.
* Pomme de Terre working on Soil Health Team and 1W1P working through informal reviews
* BWSR bus tour is August 28th. It is a day long tour to show projects to BWSR people. They will stop at Drywood Creek project.
* Buffers have 25 parcels left to be checked with owner as to whether they are compliant or not.
* Cooperative Weed Management Cost Share had one landowner, Jess Berge sign a contract and one more to sign.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for September 12, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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