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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE December 18, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota December 18, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

 President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: Ed Pederson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt PF, Thomas Tjepkes NRCS

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

President Dale Schlieman took over meeting when he arrived.

**Old Business:**

**State Convention:** Schlieman, Weimerskirch, Andy Albertsen, and Dalton Herrboldt attended the State Convention. They gave a short report of what all happened. Only 3 resolutions came up for discussion, cover crop seminar was very informative, and auction raised a lot of money.

**New Business:**

**2018 Buffer State Cost share and 2019 State Cost Share:** We had contracts to close out for final payment.

**Mike Haglund** $1400 for 4.76 acres, **Jesse Nelson** $200 for .55 acres, and **Carlton Nelson** $600 for 2 acres from the 2018 Buffer Cost Share Grant. For the 2019 State Cost Share **Schaefer Brothers** installed 12 alternative intakes for 75% of the total, we are paying them $7380.52

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the close out and payment of the 2018 Buffer State Cost Share and the 2019 State Cost Share Contract for Schaefer Brothers.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Close Out of Grants: 2018 Buffer Cost Share** grant close out with returning funds of $24981.29**. 2018 Buffer Law** Grant all funds were spent. **2019 Conservation Delivery** all funds were spent, and **2018 Technical Training Grant** all funds were spent.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Olson to approve the close out of the 2018 Buffer State Cost Share wit returned funds, 2018 Buffer Law, 2019 Conservation Delivery, and 2018 Technical Training Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**PdT 1WP Letter of Approval:** Andy typed a letter for the Board to review and then sign showing approval.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve the approval letter.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* General CRP Sign Up is now through January 28th. These would have an October 1, 2020 start date on them. There is also a Continuous sign up with mostly water quality concerns practices

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt: None**

**NRCS – Thomas Tjepkes:**

* Handed out the Civil Rights for all the Supervisors to sign that were not at the last meeting**.**
* Working mostly on CSP payments

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

* PdT did not get funded for cover crop grant
* 2016 319 Grant expires in August and may be used for cover corps if they can get an extension on it.
* Chippewa Watershed has $20,000 available for projects and expires in Aug 2020 also
* Drywood Creek dam repairs were not completed due to high water.
* Cooperative Weed – Discussed Dalton doing spraying but needs to renew his license. There is a pesticide course that Dalton would like to attend so that he can keep his license up.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve Dalton taking the upcoming Pesticide Course.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

* MAWQCP – Meeting with Harmon Wilts and his daughters to continue the certification process.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson: None**

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Employee Reviews were held, and the new pay scale was handed out to the Board.

**Motion was made by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve the pay scale increase for the employees.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2020 at 8:00 am.

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