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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE February 8, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota February 8th, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

P & I – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Luke Savage.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree Building:**  Door needs to be installed yet. Sheri will get quotes for electrical and cement work.

**Tractor Lease:** Discussion on leasing a tractor for the district was brought up again. Schlieman checked into leasing a John Deere 300hr $9475. He will check in to a 3 month lease. We will talk about it again at the next meeting.

**Dennis Pederson – Shooting Star Nursery:** He gave a presentation on the possibility of the SWCD selling seed. They would mix the seeds as ordered and deliver it to us.

**Cover Crop Seed:**  Andy talked to Milbourn & Agassi seed companies about the SWCD handling selling seed for cover crops.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to pursue both the native and cover crop seed with Shooting Star and cover crop seed with whomever Andy decides.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Business:**

**Dalton Training Reimbursements:** Pope SWCD would like to get reimbursed for the training they paid for that Dalton is attending and for his pesticide license renewal since he will be working for us. They have already paid it and he accepted the position here.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by** **Ahrndt** **to approve reimbursing Pope SWCD for the training costs for Dalton.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**CRP Plans:**  Andy requested that he be able to sign CRP plans also for the District. Sheri signs already, but we need to have someone else that can sign.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve the Andy be able to sign CRP plans.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician** **– Andy Albertsen:**

* The 180 letters for the 2018 deadline and a few from the 2017 deadline were sent out.
* Buffer Cost Share money needs to be returned by March 1. This is any money not requested for, we currently have about $15,000 spoken for.
* Trees- Working on tree designs and orders.
* Pomme de Terre – Reported on what funds were still available and what work is being done.
* Chippewa River – Draft JPA should be sent out soon. Lower Shakopee Creek still has AIG grant. They are working on doing several workshops this spring through early fall.
* Board & Staff Retreat – Emailed 3 people, and heard back from one. Andy will reach out to other districts to see if they liked the retreats that they conducted.
* Water Plan – Took measurements and survey shots for the rain gardens at KMS and Benson schools.
* ESRI GIS License – The license for a one year will cost us $100 for GIS. This program is for Dalton to use since he is not on the NRCS system.
* **Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to approve the purchase of a one year license with ESRI for the amount of $100.**
* **Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**NRCS – Jeff Hellemann: NONE**

* CSP sign up starts soon

**Financial Report**:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Area 2 meeting will be in March 15th and will be held in Morris.

Orvin Gronseth submitted his resignation from the Swift County SWCD Board effective February 8th, 2018.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt** **to accept Gronseth’s resignation from the Swift SWCD Board.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Meeting adjourned 11:30**

Next meeting is scheduled for March 8th, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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