

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE February 10, 2022 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the Swift County Court House, Benson Minnesota February 10, 2022.

**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, Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Jason Beckler BWSR.

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

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve the Secretary Report and the Agenda.  
Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

BWSR Led Supervisor Workshop may be held following this Board meeting.

**Appleton Rain Garden** – Andy has tried to contact them by emails and phone calls, but they have not responded yet.

Discussed changing paying Sheri for her sick days to once every six months instead of second pay period of the month since some months there is three pay periods which makes it hard to keep track of and it makes our time tracking off.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the change in paying Sheri for sick time.  
Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

Jason Beckler from BWSR was present to give an update in what is happening at BWSR and the Legislature. Some of the things he brought up were:

- New Carbon Soil Health
- Water Storage Program
- Vacancy in BWSR – we will be getting a new BC in the next few months
- Spring BWSR training online
- Pollinator Program – eligible areas such as city parks and county parks

**Legislative Day** – March 9-10 and is so far in person if they chose or it may be virtual.

**Peterson Company Ltd.** – 2021 Audit bid letter has come and the amount for the audit is \$3,150. We need to sign the letter saying we will have them do the audit again.

**Motion was made by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve signing the audit bid letter to accept their bid of \$3,150.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Stearns Feedlot Resolution Discussion** – They are drafting a resolution to get stacking slabs funded. This resolution would be a required practice in all new feedlots and turkey barns. We discussed whether we thought it was a good resolution and to support it.

**Area 2 Meeting** – Will be held on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Morris. Let Sheri know if you can attend by March 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Donation Policy** – We discussed giving donations since we have never done this before and have no policy. We discussed doing a donation of an item such as food plot seed mix or tree certificates. We will not be doing cash donations. It was decided to try and keep it to around \$100 - \$150, not to exceed \$150 per group asking. We will bring each request to the Board as they come in.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve doing donations of items and no cash not to exceed \$150 per request and be brought to the Board as we receive requests.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman:**

- NRCS new DC will start on Monday. His name is Brett Carlson, and he was formerly in Renville County.
- CSP contracts paid up for 2021.
- Assessment ranking by March 4.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

- Handed out a comparison for drill rental, tree sales, and seed sales for the last few years.
- 29 tree orders so far. There are three planting so far for this spring.
- Apple trees are selling very well.

**District Manager – Andy Albertsen:**

- PdT Watershed Association working on ranking & tracking spreadsheet. Handed out sheet with amounts remaining on grants.
- WRAPS Grant – pay for cover crop mailer, materials, and cover crop workshop.
- Chippewa River TAC meeting today. 1W1P budget, timeline have been approved by BWSR.
- Upper MN Meeting was held last week, and they elected officer positions.
- Irrigation Clinic – Will be held on March 17 at McKinney's.
- Drafted MASWCD Resolution to increase erosion control and water management program funding. Also, to revise erosion & local capacity policy to allow for incentive payments on eligible practices and expenses.
- CWMA Grant – Discussing applying for a \$15,000 grant through BWSR.
- Cover crop mailing will be sent to 57 landowners in Appleton township.
- Working on a Cover Crop 101 workshop.

**Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

- Commissioners are hoping to move their meetings to the new rooms by the end of March.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for **March 10, 2022** at 8:00 am.

**APPROVED:**

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SECRETARY