

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE February 9, 2023 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Swift USDA Building, Benson Minnesota February 9 2023.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairman – Dale Schlieman  
Vice Chairman - Mark Weimerskirch  
Secretary – Scott Olson  
P&I – Alan Golden

**Absent:**

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

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

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Strategic Planning Meeting:** The meeting is March 14<sup>th</sup>, which is on a Tuesday. This will be held at the Benson City Hall. Andy handed out preliminary agendas for all to review.

**Unrestricted Fund Policy:** What do we want for months of reserve? We discussed what want to have on reserve if we lose BWSR funds. We currently have about 18 months of reserve. We will continue to look at this at the next meeting.

**SWCD Aid:** Andy gave an report back on BWSR proposed 22 million per year which would come directly from the State and not BWSR. Gave a breakdown on current CWF appropriation and proposed statutory appropriation. He handed out a list of possible things the SWCD could use the funds on.

**2023 Annual Plan & Report:** Each Supervisor was given a copy of the annual plan and report to look over.

**Supervisor Binders:** We put a sample binder together for the Supervisors to look at and decide if they would like to have one. Each contains material that is important to the operations of a SWCD.

**Motion was made by Olson seconded by Golden to approve each Supervisor receiving a binder.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**New Business:**

**Legislative Day:** March 7-8<sup>th</sup> in the Cities. Pope does their meeting all in one day instead of both days. Andy reached out to see if they would be interested in meeting at the same time since we share legislators. Deadline to register is February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Grant Close Out:** All funds have been spent in the 2021 Buffer Law, 2022 Buffer Law, and 2021 Local Capacity Grants. All grants have been closed out in Elink also with the final financial reports submitted.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Golden to approve the close out of the 2021 Buffer Law, 2022 Buffer Law, and 2021 Local Capacity Grants**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Tree Cost Share Approvals:** Dalton provided a list of people interested in receiving cost share on tree plantings. We would cost share up to 50% of total cost for each. We have 12 applications. After discussion we would cost share all 12 but we only have funds for approximately 11 of them. The remaining will come from District funds. All projects were good and want to make sure they all have funding.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve using the cost share funds for as much as possible and the remaining would come from District funds.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

- Working on tree plans and cost share.
- Reviewing and revising plans due to availability of trees.

**NRCS – Brett Carlson:**

- Working on EQIP with 6 or 7 applications. Have to re-rank everything due to computer problems.
- RCCP irrigation applications have 9 applications with 7 moving ahead.
- CSP general sign up coming up in March.
- Hiring a Soil con that would travel to offices as needed.

**District Manager – Andy Albertsen:**

- Chippewa River meeting today.
- Upper MN meeting on February 21.
- Irrigation clinic will be March 6<sup>th</sup> in Greenwald.
- Water Plan Meeting to discuss budget.
- Soil Health CWF Grant – workplan has been approved and grant is signed. Should receive funds soon.
- Working on Irrigation RCPP with Brett.
- Ordered promotional seed packets to hand out with Swift SWCD information on and seed information. These should be here by May.

**County Commissioner Ed Pederson:**

- New County Administrator started on Monday.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for **March 9, 2023**, at 8:00 am.

**APPROVED:**

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