

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE Jan 12, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, January 12, 2017.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman  
Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch  
Secretary – Clinton Schuerman  
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth  
P & I – Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt PF and Tom Orr SWCD.

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

Reorganizing of the offices was conducted. All offices will remain the same.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve keeping the officers the same as previously held.**

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried.**

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

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

4 Wheeler: We looked at an Arctic Cat 500cc and a 700cc that would be used for buffer compliance and field checks. Also a seeder to be mounted on the 4 wheeler. Andy will do more research on both and bring it back to the next meeting.

**New Business:**

**State Cost Share Randy Ascheman:** State Cost Share contract 2015-03 for his pit closure. He will be starting this year and the project is in Hegbert 35. Grant 2015 is ending on December 31, 2017. The contract was for \$1942.50 and the project cost of \$4590.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve Randy Ascheman's State Cost Share contract for the amount of \$1942.50.**

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried.**

**Newsletter:** We will be sending out roughly 4900 copies of the newsletter. We are doing the front and back page in color and the rest in black and white.

**Debit Card:** Sheri has applied for a debit card for the District so that we can do online purchases such as QuickBooks and GIS purchases

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the District getting a debit card.**

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried.**

**Official Financial Institution and Newspaper:** The District will be using Credit Co-op for banking purposes and the Benson Monitor will be the official newspaper. We will continue to putting all articles and notices in all three county papers.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Credit Co-op as official financial institution and Swift County Monitor as the newspaper.**

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried.**

**Grant Closures and 2017 Capacity Grant:** We are closing out the 2016 Conservation Delivery Grant and the 2015 Easement Delivery Grant. Also we need to sign the agreement for the 2017 District Capacity Grant.

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the close out of the 2016 Conservation Delivery and 2015 Easement Grants. Also approve the 2017 Local Capacity Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Resolution for Pomme de Terre:** The District needs to sign an amendment to the Joint Power agreement for the Pomme de Terre Watershed. There is some changes in the wording that needs to be approve.

**NACD Convention:** The convention will be held in Denver on January 28 - February 1. If anyone is going, the District will pay \$500 towards expenses.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded Weimerskirch by to approve the \$500 for anyone attending the National NACD Convention.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

**Buffer Technician – Andy Albertsen:**

- Buffer map update was released with roughly 6 parcels with comments.
- Web site needs to be redone and we have checked out other sites. The costs are very high, and we have Gemma that designed several other counties sites. She works with Wibbly for the design.

**Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve Gemma to redesign the District’s web site.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

- Attended several trainings.
- Making map for non-compliance parcels and a letter.
- Water Plan meeting to identify ways to use funds.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

Working on expiring CRP, the received 50,000 more acres for the Safe Program. These must be 10 – 40 acre contracts.

**NRCS – Rick Gronseth:**

- Working 2017 EQIP, they had 19 applications and 16 are still eligible to move forward.
- CSP 2017 – 15 application from last year rolled over to try and get accepted.
- Reorganization of Areas – Starting January 20<sup>th</sup>, Benson will be moving to the Marshall area. Krecia will be our DC for the next couple months starting February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 1026 – Everything was completed up to January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Farm Bill – Tom Orr:**

- Rain garden bill for the rain garden in Appleton finally arrived. Appleton city will be paying the bill.
- Township weed letters have been returned.

**Financial Report:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

**Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

PP

Next meeting is scheduled for **February 9th** at 8:00 am.

**APPROVED:**

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SECRETARY