

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MINUTES FROM THE January 7, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on January 7, 2016.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

ABSENT: Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Randy Schmiesing NRCS, Sheri Gades SWCD, and Tom Orr SWCD, Will Clayton SWCD.

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

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

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried.**

**Old Business:**

**District Capacity Grant:** We received the agreement with BWSR for the District Capacity Grant. This grant is for the amount of \$100,000 for the year 2016. The districts are to use this money to improve their ability to implement conservation.

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve signing the agreement for the 2016 District Capacity Grant Agreement.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**New Business:**

**Official Newspaper:** It was discussed and the Swift County Monitor will be the official newspaper for the District, although we post everything in all 3 county newspapers

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Swift County Monitor as the official newspaper.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**Official Bank:** It was discussed and the Co-op Credit Union will be the official bank for the District.

**Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the Co-op Credit Union as the official bank.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**Area2 Envirothon:** They are asking for a donation from each district for the amount of \$150 again this year. This is to help cover the cost of holding the envirothon.

**Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the donation of \$150 for the Area 2 Envirothon.**

**Affirmative: All      Motion carried**

**Big Stone SWCD:** They are looking for the possible sharing of a position for a Manager. Mike Jorgenson has mentioned coming to a meeting and discuss the possibility. We will invite him to the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Pheasants Forever:** They will open the position internally for 5 days. This is to see if they have someone interested in moving to Swift County from another county.

**Farm Bill Biologist – Will Clayton:** Will is leaving the District to be the Eastern MN rep for Pheasants Forever. His last day is Jan 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be moving to the Cities. He gave the numbers of acres he has affected since coming to our office: 5,341 acres and 803 landowner contacts. He has been here 1yr 8months. We thanked him for all his hard work and dedication!

**NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:**

- 1026 - To date there are 6 requests to be completed.
- EQIP – There has been 14 applications to be ready for the February 1 for ranking.
- CSP – No new applications
- CRP - Rick will be working on plans.

**Farm Bill – Tom Orr:**

- 8 weed reports left to get back from townships and cities for their yearend report.
- Potential stream barb project for Ron Schliep in Fairfield Sec 23.
- Pomme de Terre rain garden in Appleton for the amount of \$4645.00. They will be cost sharing 75% of this which is \$3483.75. This funding will come from a 2014 319 grant. The rain garden will be located by the Appleton City building.

**Technician Position:** We have 12 applications that need to be looked at. The Board will go over them on January 14, at 8:00.

**Financial Report:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All            Motion carried**

Chairman Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 10:00.

Next meeting is scheduled for **February 11th** at 8:00 am.

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