

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE Jan 8, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on January 8 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheri Gades SWCD, Will Clayton PF, and Rick Gronseth NRCS, Edward Pederson County Commissioner, Tom Orr SWCD.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by President – Dale Schlieman
Edward Pederson introduced himself to all. He is now the County Commissioner that will be sitting in on our Board meetings.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Clothing: Will discuss at next meeting.

Drills: The Board and Will are going to look at the Truax drill on Jan 14th.

New Business:

Newspaper: The Swift County Monitor was voted to be the official newspaper for the Swift County SWCD. We do put all notices and articles in all three newspapers in Swift count.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve Swift County Monitor as the official newspaper for the Swift SWCD

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Bank: The Coop Credit Union in Benson as the SWCD's official bank. The District has their checking and savings accounts with them.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve Coop Credit Union as the official bank for the Swift SWCD

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Legislative Days: The Legislative Day will be held January 26 – 27. Sheri handed out material to the Board if they are interested in attending.

Area 2 Envirothon: The Area 2 committee is once again asking for a donation of \$150 from the Districts for the upcoming event.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve a donation of \$150.00 donation for the Area 2 Envirothon.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Cody Olson Cost Share: Contract #2014-04 for a Field Windbreak. This is located in Westbank Section 20. The total cost for this is \$1854.00, he will receive 75% for \$1390.50 for the practice.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Schuerman to approve Cody Olson's Field Windbreak Cost share contract 2014-04 for \$1390.50.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Farm Bill – Will Clayton: Will handed out an overview of what he has been working on for the last month.

- CRP – Continues to work on contracts
- RIM –RIM buffer sign up. There are 3 ready to go and will be sending quotes

District Technician - Tom Orr:

- Pomme de Terre report on they have one employee and projects and funding. There is a meeting on Jan 9 to present a Marsh Lake Plan.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the rate of 75% on fabric for the 2015 year.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

- Reported on progress with the Pomme de Terre River Watershed. They are working on removing a dam from the Jeff Banken land. The estimates are roughly between \$60,000 - \$70,000. They would remove the dam and reshape the banks.
- Possible stream barb project with Mike Lind from Appleton.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing:

- EQIP: 15 applications have been received for 2015 funding
- CSP: 8 CSP applications received for 2015 funding.
- WRE – Had no applications
- Discussed the possibility of doing a mailing with the District on sending something out with a description of the different programs that are available.

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Next meeting is scheduled for **February 12th at 8:00 am.**

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY