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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE July 14, 2022 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Ambush Park, Benson Minnesota

July 14, 2022.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President - Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt PF, Brett Carlson NRCS, Melanie Dickman NRCS, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Outstanding Conservationist 2022 –** We have not come up with a real good candidate that everyone agrees on, so we will wait until next year to choose an Outstanding Conservationist.

**Ag Weather Station** **–** Part of the station is here; the rest is due to arrive the middle of August. Met with the MDA to find a spot to install the weather station. Found a spot in Moyer 32, which is owned by Larry Mahoney.

**Local Work Group –**Will be held after this Board meeting. Breakfast will be prepared and served by the SWCD.

**Area 2 Meeting** – The resolutions we submitted were voted on and all passed, so they will move on to the State Resolution Board of the MN SWCD’s

**Island –** Andy & Sheri met with the County Attorney to discuss some of the issues with the island. There is not a clear title on record. If we were to sell this, it would have to be a quick claim sale and not a warranty deed. It states that it must be used for conservation and that the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts can use it. We have a list of potential people to serve on a committee to meet and see what the best option for the island would be.

**New Business:**

**DNR Observation Wells Agreement –** This agreement is the same as in previous years. There are 28 wells to monitor for $5,280. The agreement is also a doc you sign, so Andy will sign it when it comes.

**Motion was made** **by** **Olson seconded by** **Weimerskirch to approve accepting and signing the DNR Observation Well Agreement and have Andy sign it when it comes.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Fair Booth –** The price of the Swift County Fair booth has gone up to $150 for the same size as we have always had.

**Motion was made** **by** **Ahrndt** **seconded by Gronseth to continue with the Fair Booth at $150.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Pheasants Forever Local Partnership Agreement –** This agreement with the SWCD and PF is for us to pay the $3,250 portion of the $18,220 that is put toward our PF position in Swift County.

**Motion was made** **by** **Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve accepting and signing PF Local Partnership Agreement.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**GIS Pictometry Agreement –** This is with Swift County for access to the GIS layers. The cost is $500 per year.

**Motion was made** **by** **Olson seconded by Weimerskirch to approve accepting and signing the GIS Pictometry Agreement with Swift County for $500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Soil Health Grant –** BWSR released a grant with requirements that it must provide benefit to public water supply. Andy will look at a couple of parcels that may qualify.

**East Branch Cost Share -** EB02-2021is a grass water way in Camp Lake Sec 3. The total cost of this projects is $47946.00 with 75% being covered with cost share dollars for $35949.50 EB03-2021 is WSCOB project with a cost of $31785.85 with 75% covered by cost share $23839.39. This is also in Camp Lake 3, and both are the same owner.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth** **seconded by Olson to approve the Cost Share contracts EB02-2021 for a$35,959.50 grass water way and EB03-2021 for $23,839.39 for WSCOB.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2022 Conservation Delivery Grant –** All funds have been spent so we need to sign the final financial report and submit back to BWSR with a progress report.

**NRCS – Brett Carlson:**

* Working on CSP and EQIP

**Pheasants Forever Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* CRP busy season doing site visits

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt: Gone**

**District Manager – Andy Albertsen:**

* PdT Watershed Association still has project money is available. 2023WBIF Grant is proceeding with submitting of funding request.
* Chippewa River TAC meeting today and a bus tour tomorrow.
* Upper MN public kickoff meeting will be held July 28 in Clinton.
* Irrigation RCPP sign up ended for 2022. We had 5 applications
* Soil Health Team – Potential meeting September 14th.
* Swift County Pasture & Feedlot Workshop was held July 12th with about 20 people attending.
* Nitrate Clinic – Will be held in 3 different locations on 3 different days.

**Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

* The County people are running unopposed, and Larry Mahoney is running for the position currently held by Joe Fox, who did not file for reelection.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for August 11 2022 at 8:00 am.

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