

**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 Swift USDA Building, Benson Minnesota July 14, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President – Dale Schlieman
Vice President - Mark Weimerskirch
Secretary – Carl Ahrndt
P & I – Scott Olson

Absent: Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

OTHERS PRESENT: Jason Weinerman BWSR, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, and Dalton Herrboldt.

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 - EB02-2021 is 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.

APPROVED:

DATE

SECRETARY