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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE June 10, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the LEC Conference Room, Benson Minnesota June 10, 2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

 President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

 P & I – Scott Olson

**Absent:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, Ed Pederson County Commissioner.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Photo Contest:** We have had our first winner last week and they received a $20 gift certificate.

**2021 Outstanding Conservationist:** Sheri handed out the list from previous years for the Board to look over. We had some discussion but decided to wait until the July meeting to make a final choice.

**Local Work Group:** We will meet at the north shelter at Ambush Park. This meeting will follow our regular Board meeting on July 15. We will be serving breakfast again this year. Will reach out to people to invite

**New Business:**

**Area 2 Meeting** There will be an Area 2 meeting in Willmar on June 22. Let Sheri know by June 16th if you will be attending. They need it for registration.

**Gomer Cost Share Contract:**

This is for a rain garden approximately 350 sq. feet located in Benson. The total cost of this project is $3,819.75 and we be cost sharing 75% of this cost which is $2,864.81 with funds coming from 2021 Local Capacity Grant. This is located at 404 Meadow Ln, Torning Sec. 6

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve the Gomer Rain Garden Cost Share Contract #2021-02 for $2,864.81**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2020 Buffer Law Grant & 2021 Conservation Delivery Grant:** All funds have been spent for these grants. We need to approve the close out and sign the final financial forms to email back to BWSR.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by** **Ahrndt to approve the close out of the 2020 Buffer Law Grant and the 2021 Conservation Delivery Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**NRCS – Thomas Tjepkes: None**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Plantings are finished.
* Drills doing a lot of repairs on them. So far 301.85 aces have been planted with them
* Well checks will be done next week.
* Sold all the left-over trees.
* RIM checks will begin next month.

**District Manager** **– Andy Albertsen:**

* CRWA – TAC and JPB meetings cancelled for this month. 1W1P application has been submitted and will find out in august if selected or not.
* Pomme de Terre – JPB meeting Friday. Appling for a one-year extension on 2019 CWF grant that expires in December 2022.
* Saturated buffer – Four site reviews performed. Three were for saturated buffer and one for a bioreactor.
* MAWQCP – Wentzel have signed the paperwork to be certified. The added perennial cover, fixed gullies and submitted a RCPP application for WASCOBs project.
	+ Mesenbrink Farms signed paper work to become certified. They are implementing mulch till to leave >30% residue and submitted a RCPP application for WASCOBs project and irrigation improvements.
	+ Harmon Wilts & Daughters have agreed to sign the paperwork to become certified.
* Seed Sales – 10 sales so far this year.
* Cooperative Weed Management – Spraying in Tara Township was completed as part of the $5,000 grant. There will be a partner meeting in the fall/winter.
* WCA – Future lead it to be determined yet.
* Buffers – Starting to review parcels with the new imagery.
* Summer Newsletter has been submitted to BackStreet for printing.
* Well Verification checks have been done by aerial imagery and have 35 to do field checks on yet.3
* Level 1 Conservation Planner (apprentice): Andy and Dalton are working toward certification.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

* County is working on the WCA position.
* Opening bids at next meeting for basement remodel.
* County Board of Equalization meeting for residents to appeal to change their property tax classifications.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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