

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **March 10, 2022** BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the Swift County Court House, Benson Minnesota March 10, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President – Dale Schlieman
Secretary – Carl Ahrndt
Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

Absent: Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch and P & I – Scott Olson

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

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

We received a little report on how the BWSR Led Supervisor Workshop went following the last Board meeting.

Appleton Rain Garden – The City administrator contacted Andy and said they will plant it back in the spring. They did not know it was under contract due to all the staff changes

New Business:

Island – We looked at pictures and discussed some ideas on what to do with it. Will continue the discussion in future meetings.

SWCD Aid Discussion – Association would like to hear back on what our thoughts are. What can we do with the money? A handout was given to each Supervisor to review with possible idea. We will discuss this further at the next meeting

Ag Weather Station – NDAWN Information is useful to producers with irrigators. Cost to purchase one is around \$8,000 with \$1,000 yearly maintenance fee. Will bring it up at the irrigator clinic to get some feed back as to if it is needed in our area and will it get used.

Tablet & Laptop – Dalton’s laptop has been acting up a lot and it is 6yrs old. So, we are looking at the same laptop as what Sheri got last fall. This one has a 15” screen which is bigger than what he has.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve purchase of a new laptop.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Also, the tablets are 6 yrs. old and should be replaced. We currently have Samsung tablets, and we are looking to replace one now and maybe the other at a later date.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve purchase of a new tablet.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Soil Demo Equipment – We received soil health demo equipment for no charge, as long as it is made available for demonstrations to other districts to use.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve letting other districts use the soil demo equipment.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

NCRS Cooperative Agreement – Melanie, John Matz, and Andy held a conference call to discuss getting another computer seat for Dalton. They discussed what work we can do for NRCS to cover the cost of the computer seat. They will continue to work on the agreement.

NRCS – Brett Carlson:

- Brett introduced himself to the Board.
- Went over the Civil Rights MOU and passed out a printed copy to each Supervisor. Had the ones that were present sign and will bring back for absent Supervisors to review and sign.

District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:

- Apple trees are selling very well, last year we sold 50 this year we are over 100
- Tree sales are above average again this year. Unfortunately, there a lot that we can not get from the nurseries.

District Manager – Andy Albertsen:

- PdT Watershed Association ranking & tracking spreadsheet complete.
- WRAPS Grant – pay for cover crop mailer, materials, and cover crop workshop.
- Chippewa River TAC meeting today. Share point is up and running. Met with consultant talked about what the group liked and didn't like from previous plan.
- Upper MN 60-day intent to plan notice has been posted. Request for proposal has been sent out to consultants.
- Irrigation Clinic – Will be held on March 17 at McKinney's.
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- CWMA Grant –Applied for a \$15,000 grant through BWSR.
- Local Manager meeting discussed SWCD Aid, Capacity Funding Allocations, and Outreach Efforts.
- Working on a Cover Crop 101 workshop, which will be held March 29th at McKinney's.

Commissioner – Ed Pederson:

- County applied for grant for Swift Falls Park.
- Working redetermination on water & ditch but costs are high.

Financial Reports:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded Gronseth by to approve financial report.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for **April 14, 2022** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY