

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **March 9, 2023** BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Swift USDA Building, Benson Minnesota March 9, 2023.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman – Dale Schlieman
Vice Chairman - Mark Weimerskirch
Secretary – Scott Olson
Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth
P&I – Alan Golden

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

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Strategic Planning Meeting: The meeting is March 14th, which is on a Tuesday. This will be held at the Benson City Hall. Andy handed out preliminary agendas for all to review and questionnaire to be filled out prior to the meeting.

Unrestricted Fund Policy: We will discuss this at a later date.

SWCD Aid & Legislative Day: Olson, Golden and Andy attended legislative day and spoke to our representatives. Will have to wait to see how funding goes.

Supervisor Binders: Each Supervisor was given a binder with all the policies, employee handbook, and financial information so they have everything in one location.

New Business:

2023 Contract for Services PdT WBIF: This needs to be signed to allow Swift SWCD to bill PdT for services we provide for the grant.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve signing the 2023 Contract for Services PdT WBIF.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Pickup Bids: Showed a breakdown of the cost from 5 different dealers. Discussing the different options. We won't make a decision until after we hear about SWCD aid.

MDA Pesticide Monitoring: We received our agreement to continue doing the monitoring for the season on Shakopee Creek. We will receive \$1500 to do the monitoring from May – August.

Motion was made by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve signing the agreement with MDA for pesticide monitoring on the Shakopee Creek.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Job Approval Authority: Dalton is working on getting job authority for tree plans that he writes. Andy is working on his job authority for crop crops. The board has the authority to give them authority on an interim basis until they get it from NRCS.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Golden to approve the temporary job authority for cover crop and tree plans.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Soil Health Grant Purchases: This is the CWF Grant for \$285,000 that we received. In the workplan we designated \$4,000 for equipment. Andy would like to purchase a new laptop since his is getting old. Also, we would like to purchase a projector & screen, speakers, and other small things to be used for workshops as needed.

Motion was made by Golden seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the purchase of equipment for workshops for the Soil Health Grant.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt: None

NRCS – Brett Carlson:

Leaving to go to Olivia to work on wetlands.

District Manager – Andy Albertsen:

- PdT Soil Health Team meeting next week.
- Chippewa River meeting today to review implantation activities & actions.
- Upper MN meeting on March 15th TAC & Policy committee.
- Soil Health CWF Grant – developed an action item list.
- Working on Irrigation RCPP 6 applications funded in Swift. There were 90 applications for 20 counties and 27 were funded.
- Township Meeting – Attended township meeting March 3rd.

County Commissioner Ed Pederson:

- New County Administrator has started.

Financial Reports – Sheri Gades

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid, and credit card charges. Answered any questions.

Motion was made by Olson seconded by Golden to approve financial report.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for **April 13, 2023**, at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY