

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE May 12, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, on May 12, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

President – Dale Schlieman
Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch
Secretary – Clinton Schuerman
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth
P & I - Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertson SWCD, Tom Orr SWCD.

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Introduction of Andy Albertsen as the new Buffer person in the SWCD.

Old Business:

District Capacity Grant: New desk is here, so after the meeting we will be needing help moving furniture around in the office to make a new work space for Andy. Also Sheri & Andy will be going to Alex to get the iPad for the District.

New pickup is here parked in the parking lot.

New Business:

Walk In Access: The District will need to sign a new extension with the DNR to extend the WIA program.

Area 2: The next Area 2 meeting will be held June 22 in Glenwood. Let Sheri know if you plan to attend.

Spring Admin Session: Will be held June 22-23 in Bemidji. Sheri is planning on attending.

NRCS – Randy Schmiesing: None

Farm Bill Biologist - Gemma Kleinschmidt:

1. CRP general sign up: none were accepted, so will be contacting producers to see if they want to try a different practice
2. Working on 2 RIM wetland easements
3. Will be attending a PF meeting in Gary, SD on May 23-26
4. Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant: We received our new grant that has changed the 5% match to a 10% match, so they are requiring \$3250 from the SWCD and \$3250 from the local PF chapter. This is due to the increase of the grant from \$45,000 to \$65,000.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to approve the new Farm Bill Assistance Partnership Grant.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Farm Bill – Tom Orr:

1. Handed out the current new DNR wetland map
2. Tree planting are done, we only had 3 this year.
3. Drill has been out being rented, so far we have 15 on the list
4. One Watershed One Plan handed out for all to review. The Pomme de Terre Watershed as well as the Chippewa River are looking for the SWCD to show that they are in favor of the plan.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to say that they approve of the One Watershed One Plan in Swift County.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch seconded by Schuerman to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

President – Dale Schlieman adjourned the meeting at 8:55.

Next meeting is scheduled for **June 9th** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY