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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE May 9th, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota May 9th, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: None

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

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:**

Sheri contacted the City to see what type of tree they would like us to plant in Clint Schuerman’s memory at Ambush Park. They want a Hybred Elm about 8ft tall so that it matches existing trees out there. Sheri will do some checking on purchasing cost of a plaque also.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Arhndt** **to approve the purchase of a Hybred Elm tree and possibly a plaque.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Andy inquired to see if anyone had reviewed the Board Operating Rules & Guidelines yet. We will revisit it at the June meeting.

**New Business:**

**Ag Inspector Contract:** We need to enter in the contract for services with Tom Orr as the Swift County Ag Inspector again this year. Contract remains the same as previous years. Tom also gave a report on some of the things he has been doing over the last year.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch to approve signing the Contract for Services with Tom Orr as the Swift County Ag Inspector.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Rod Schaffer State Cost Share Contract 2019-01:** This is to install alternative intakes in Clontarf Section 6. We will cost share 75% of the total estimate of $10,450, which is $7,837.50.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve Rod Schaffer Cost Share contract 2019-01 for alternative intakes.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Riverview Farms Partnership State Cost Share Contract 2019-02:** This is to install a streambank stabilization project in West Bank Section 26. We will cost share 75% of the total estimate of $18,000, which is $13,500.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve Riverview Farms Partnership Cost Share contract 2019-02 for a streambank stabilization.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Rick Gronseth Cost Share Contract WP19-01:** This is to install a Rain garden in Camp Lake Section 3. We will cost share 75% of the total estimate of $25080, which is $1935.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve Rick Gronseth Cost Share contract 19-01 for a rain garden.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Area 2 Meeting will be June 19th in Glenwood. Let Sheri know if you are attending so she can get you registered.**

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* FB Assistance Grant needs to be signed again for the year. The application is for $32,500 with a 10% match from the Swift SWCD of $3250.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve signing the Farm Bill Assistance Grant**

 **Affirmative: All Motion carried**

* WIA sign up ended in April. We have 4 sites in Swift County now.
* No word on CRP yet
* All easements are completed now.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Drills ae currently out being used
* Tree pickup day is May 3rd
* Tree plantings will start as soon as it dries out
* Met with SWAG people & did samples
* State MDA sampling starts today
* Well readings have started and so far, are high

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

* Ag BMP has contacted us requesting that we give them $150,000 if our allocated funds to cover a shortage in other areas.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to keeping the money for our own producers.**

 **Affirmative: All Motion carried**

* Ryan Gronholz is requesting $50,000 for a planter from the Ag BMP loans
* MAWQCP has Gary Nygard going through the evaluation
* CRWP owes BWSR $84,168.06. Each county involved will have to pay a portion
* Pomme de Terre working 1W1P

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann:**

* Received 35 1026s back with 23 still outstanding
* 6 CSP extending out 1 year
* 9 New signed up for CSP
* 23 EQIP in the ranking phase

Be thinking of an Outstanding Conservationist for the next meeting.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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