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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE November 8, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota November 8, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

P & I - Carl Ahrndt

**Absent:** Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**BWSR Academy:**  Staff gave a quick review of the things that we learned and what we hope to bring back to our office.

**New Business:**

**Steve Banken Amendment:** We have to add the contractors name on the contract as co-payee. That way we can give the check to the contractor after Steve signs it also to make sure the contractor gets paid.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch to approve signing the amendment adding Don Lawson to the contract as co-payee**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

The Board gave Andy authority to sign off on the voucher we can cut a check and get it to Lawson as soon as the technical engineer and Pomme de Terre sign off on it.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Ahrndt to having Andy issue the check when it is signed off on.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Kent Evenson Buffer Closeout: 2.4 acres $720**

**Dean Evenson Buffer Closeout: 1 acre $200**

**Daphne Timm Buffer Closeout: 1 acre $200**

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to send approve the closeout for these buffer cost share contracts.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Newsletter:** At the printer just waiting for the tree order form to be submitted. Discussed changing the price of per tree plantings from $1 for potted to $1.25 and from $.50 for bare root to $.75 to plant.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt approve the price increase to $1.25 and $.75 for planting of the trees.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**We moved money into CDs from the checking account so that we do not have more than $250,000 per account.**

**State Convention:** Everyone needs to register online. If you need, come in and we can do it for the Board on the computer. We will be going for supper with Doug & Alicia Schliep on Monday night.

**Township Nitrate Testing Agreement:** They have submitted an agreement for 1 yr. We will be doing the mailing list, contacting township boards and putting press releases in the papers. There are approximately 650 households involved. The amount of the total grant is $17549 in which we will be receiving $2184 for our work the rest is for the cost of the tests and postage.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Built shelves & work bench. Working on the tree building to put tin on the inside.
* Doing well checks
* 4 tree plans for shelter belts
* Attending Conservation Tillage conference in Fargo for 2 days in December.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Weimerskirch approve Dalton to attend the Conservation Tillage conference.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

* The staff and Weimerskirch participated in the Adopt a Highway clean up. It took us a little over an hour
* Chippewa River – They owe money back to BWSR that will need to be returned. Currently they have no funds available
* Pomme de Terre - Working on 1W1P. Formed subcommittees to revise goals
* Water Plan – 5-year update has been worked on
* Buffer Checks – Andy & Dalton have been working them and there are 3 townships left to be looked at. There is no CRP sign up, so buffers can’t be put in. Also, it has been left up to us to talk to the landowners who could not get their buffer in due to the wet fall. We can let them plant in the spring.
* Decals are on the side of the trailer

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* Things are slowing down
* 100 contracts expiring that are being reviewed
* CREP is on hold also without any CRP to sign up for

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: None**

**Financial Reports**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2018 at 8:00 am.

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