

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE October 13, 2016 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota, October 13, 2016.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: President – Dale Schlieman

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, and Tom Orr SWCD, Jason Beckler BWSR, and Dale Krystosek BWSR.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Water Festival: Cancelled due to the weather.

PRAP: All the information that they have asked for has been submitted. Jason Beckler and Dale Krystosek from BWSR attended the meeting and went through the PRAP with the Board. They went through the recommendations for the District.

Shore land Amendment: Andy will be working with Scott Collins and Ethan Jenzen will be meeting on October 27th to work on the current ordinance to match the Buffer ordinance.

New Business:

Swift County Parcel Update: Andy has had contact with the new GIS person for Swift County. They are updating data and the old version isn't accurate so they don't want to give it to us until the new one is done. They have set a date for completion at the end of December or early January.

Buffer Grant Agreement: We have received the new Buffer Grant for the amount of \$30,000. The Board needs to sign and send it back to receive the money.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Schuerman to approve the Buffer Grant Agreement for the amount of \$30,000.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

County Cost Share Policy: We need to know what kind of policy we need to adopt so that we can use Cost Share money to fund nonstructural practices. Andy and Sheri will be working on this.

Audit: We received the draft of the audit done by Mike Peterson's office. It needs to be signed and sent back for submission to his office.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the audit as completed by Mike Peterson's office.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Rain Barrels: Sheri and Andy have been contacting other counties to inquire about rain barrels. We would like to sell them through the SWCD office.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to approve the sale of rain barrels through the Swift SWCD.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Garage Rental: The Board did a walk through with Duane Flanders on his garage located across from the USDA building. We are looking to use it for storage for the winter of the pickups and drills. Sheri will send a letter to Duane offering him \$350 per month to rent his building.

Buffer Technician – Andy Albertsen:

- CRP buffers being crosscheck for compliance.
- Finished signing easements.
- Meeting with Mike Johnson and Ethan Jenzen on issues on the DNR map.
- Contacted Domats Foods concerning possible rain garden
- Next DNR map due out in October.

Discussed installing tunnel covers on both the 2013 & 2016 pickups and floor mats for both.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve purchasing and installing tunnel covers and floor mats in the 2013 & 2016 pickups.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Farm Bill: Gemma Kleinschmidt

- FY16/CCRP Signup 48 has ended; Swift county enrolled 188 contracts for 2063 acres
- FY17/CCRP Signup 50 started October 1st.
- Options for SU50: Producers may defer contract to start Oct 1 in FU18.
- CREP - We are getting closer to a CREP signup. A deal has not been signed yet, but will be completed before Obama leaves office.

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Farm Bill – Tom Orr:

- Koosman project is applying for an extension for next year.
- Weed spraying was done on some bad areas. Possibility of doing another spraying this spring.
- Tree costs were discussed and we need to do a small increase in the cost to customers since the cost to us has risen in the last couple years. All bareroot trees will go from \$1.50 to \$1.75, potted will go from \$7 to \$8. The planting charges will go to .50 for bareroot and fabric will be .50 per foot.

Motion was made by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve the raise in tree prices and fabric prices, also the planting charge.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried

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Next meeting is scheduled for **November 17** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED:

DATE

SECRETARY