

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **October 10, 2024**, BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Swift USDA Building, Benson, Minnesota on October 10, 2024.

Members Present:

Vice Chairman - Mark Weimerskirch

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P&I – Alan Golden

Absent: Chairman – Dale Schlieman and Secretary – Scott Olson

Others Present: Andy Albertsen SWCD, Sheri Gades SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, Cadence Larson SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman - Mark Weimerskirch.

Consent Agenda and Minutes:

Motion was made by Golden seconded by Gronseth to approve the Agenda, Minutes, and signing the 2025 Buffer Law Grant agreement for \$25,000.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Nature Day: Everything went very well again this year! Weather was great and kids well behaved.

Area 2 Meeting: Was very good but attendance was down. Presenters were very interesting.

State Convention: Sheri handed out resolution packets. We did a quick run through of the resolutions being presented. Ballots need to be back to the office by October 28th so Sheri can get them entered on web site.

Pickup Sealed Bids: We received 2 sealed bids for the F150 pickup. The high bid was accepted by the Board. The high bid was \$14,551.00 from Harmon Wilts.

Pickup Options: Dalton had done a lot of checking with different dealers on prices for new and used pickups. Discussed the different options that there were available. We had it down to two different trucks. It was decided to purchase the blue Chevrolet truck from Schwieters

Motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Golden to purchase a pickup from Schwieters in Cold Springs.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

AgBMP Loan Request: Update on Doug Sather’s request for 149,880.30. This is for an irrigator.

We have the funds now for his request. He is working with CentraSota irrigation to get a prescription, but the company is out a couple of years for the program we were requesting. He will continue to work with them, so we decided to approve application as is.

Motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Golden to approve the application.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

AgBMP Loan Request: Aaron Vadnais application for a John Deere 320D skid loader. This is for handling manure which is an eligible purchase through the program.

Motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Golden to approve the application.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

CRP Incentive Contracts: Harste Farms PdT-24CRP-02 for \$3,338.00 to do 33.38 acres.

Dean Beyer PdT-24CRP-01 for \$490.00 to do 4.9 acres.

Motion was made by Golden and seconded by Gronseth to approve the incentive for CRP contracts.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

CRP Incentive Contracts Vouchers: Harste Farms PdT-24CRP-02 for \$3,338.00 to do 33.38 acres.
Dean Beyer PdT-24CRP-01 for \$490.00 to do 4.9 acres.

2025 Soil Health Delivery Cost Share Vouchers: We received the following vouchers for approval to pay.

Jake Allpress – 2025-SHD-01 cover crops Appleton sec 10 for 197 acres \$10,000.

Bill Allpress – 2025-SHD-02 cover crops Appleton sec 10 for 150 acres \$9,000.

Shawn Bonk – 2025-SHD-04 cover crops Edison sec 23 for 140 acres \$7,000.

Brody Lindquist – 2025-SHD-05 cover crops Hayes sec 15 for 95 acres \$4,750.00.

Rod Lindquist – 2025-SHD-06 cover crops Pillsbury sec 14 for 70 acres \$4,200.00.

Motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Golden to approve the cover crop vouchers as listed above.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Koosmann Cost Share: Contract 76-02-23WBIF dike repair in Fairfield 31. Project is completed cost share amount is \$29,924.25 which is 75% of \$39,899.00.

Motion was made by Golden seconded by Gronseth to approve payment of cost share contract #76-02-23-WBIF for Tim Koosman grade stabilization project for 75% \$29,924.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Ron Schliep Cost Share: Contract 76-01-23WBIF stream bank stabilization in Fairfield 23. This project is completed, and cost share amount is \$25,300.34 which is 75% of 33,733.78.

Motion was made by Golden seconded by Gronseth to approve payment of cost share contract #76-01-23-WBIF for Ron Schliep stream bank stabilization project \$25,300.34 for 75% \$29,924.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Marvel Thompson Cost Share: Contract 2023-LC-04 WASCOP project in Camp Lake 12. This project is completed, and cost share amount is \$19,816.31 which is 75% of \$26,421.75.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Golden to approve payment of cost share contract 2023-LC-04 for \$19,816.31 which is 75% of \$26,421.75.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Cover Crops: Mike Schnitzler 2023-LC-03 cover crops Marysland 21. Cover crops have been seeded and verified. He will receive \$4,560.00 for planting 76 acres of cover crops.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Golden to approve payment of cost share contract 2023-LC-03 for \$4,560.00 which is for 76 acres of cover crops planted.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Grant Closeouts: We have spent all funds in the 2023 Local Capacity and 2025 Conservation Contracts grants. We can now close them out.

Motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Golden to approve the close out of the above grants.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Reports:

NRCS – Melanie Dickmann:

- There was 6.2 million allotted for 54 contracts which were 35 EQIP, 14 CSP and 2 RCPP. They are working on contracts.

Soil Health – Cadence Larson:

- Working on site visits doing checks and getting vouchers signed.
- Doing online trainings and attending trainings.
- Made phone calls to people in the target area.

District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:

- Moving drills around as needed.
- Completing inspections for RIM and cost share.
- Starting drill repairs.
- Looking to purchase 1,000 tree tubes for the coming year. We can get them for \$2,720 including delivery.

Motion was made by Golden and seconded by Gronseth to approve the purchase of 1,000 tree tubes.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

County Commissioner Ed Pederson:

- Discussed wind and solar policy and possible issues.
- Discussed working on preliminary levy and when final is due in December

District Manager – Andy Albertsen:

- Chippewa River – TAC no meeting today.
- Upper MN – Private attorney reviewed all doc, made changes. County attorney is reviewing now.
- Desktop Buffer Reviews, 17 townships completed and four more to go
- 105 sites need review so far.

Financial Reports:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Golden seconded by Gronseth to approve the financial reports.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 14, 2024**, at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY