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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE October 10, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota October 10, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner, Melanie Dickman NRCD, GemmaKleinschmidt

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree for Clint:** Is here and the City crew is going to plant it.

**F250 Ford Truck:** We had 16 sealed bids for the truck, which were opened at this meeting. The high bid was $8500 from Joe Grotsun from Baldwin ND. He will need to wire the money to the Co-op Credit then he can pick up the truck. We will have Schlieman sign the title on behalf of the SWCD,

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the sale of the F250 to Joe Grotsun for $8500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Bank Account:** We need everyone to go to the State Bank of Danvers and sign the paperwork to open the checking and savings account. Kathy Weber will have the forms. Both accounts earn interest.

**Nature Day:** Everything went well and the kids enjoyed the day. Weather was pretty good. We received several thank you from some of the kids.

**New Business:**

**Area 2 Meeting:** Will be held in Long Prairie on October 16th. Let Sheri know if you will be attending.

**2020 Buffer Grant & 2020 Local Capacity Grants:**  We received the grants to be signed and returned to BWSR. The Buffer Grant is for $30,000 and the Local Capacity Grant is $ 127,058.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve the grants and sign the papers to be returned to BWSR.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Table Covers & Banner:** There was discussion on purchasing 2 table covers for events, right now we use a bed sheet. Also, to purchase a retractable banner. These items would cost approximately $474.44

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve the purchase of the table covers and retractable banner.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Audit Letter:** Peterson Accounting sent a letter and draft of the audit. We need to sign the letter that is printed on our letter head and send back to them.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson sign the letter and return to Peterson Accounting.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**2018 Local Capacity Grant:** All funds have been spent, so we are ready to close out this grant.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to close out the 2018 Local Capacity Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**State Convention:** This year it will be held December 8-10. It is $250 per person for registration. All registration must be done online. We can do it in the office for those who don’t have access otherwise.

**Allen Mumm State Cost Share:** State Cost Share Contract 2020-03Allen is installing 2 alternative intakes in Tara Section 17. The total cost estimate is $1000 with 75% cost share for $750. He is also doing 46 alternative intakes in Fairfield/Tara Sections 1, 7, 12. These are being cost shared through Pomme de Terre. Total estimate is $23,000 which he will get 75% cost share for $17,250.

**Lance Mumm State Cost Share:** State Cost Share Contract 2020-02 Lance is installing 2 alternative intakes in Tara Section 17. The total cost estimate is $1000 with 75% cost share for $750. He is also doing 26 alternative intakes in Fairfield/Tara Sections 1& 17. These are being cost shared through Pomme de Terre. Total estimate is $11,500 which he will get 75% cost share for $8,825.

**Doug Schliep / Wilbur Hamann State Cost Share:** State Cost Share Contract 2020-01 Doug is installing 15 alternative intakes in Tara Section 30. The total cost estimate is $7,500 with 75% cost share for $5,625.

**Doug Schliep/ Kenneth Roholff:** Doug is also doing 13 alternative intakes in Tara Sections 19. These are being cost shared through Pomme de Terre. Total estimate is $6,500 which he will get 75% cost share for $4,875.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Olson to approve all the Cost Share Contracts.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Yost Farms State Cost Share Close Out:** They did a diversion project in Dublin Section 15. Total cost was

$ 4,197.10 and we cost shared 75% which was $3147.83. Project has been completed and inspected.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch to close Yost Farms State Share Contract.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt: NONE**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Tree planter and fabric machine have been serviced and put away for the season
* Drills are being serviced for fall seedings
* Water has been turned off at the shed
* Well monitoring
* Doing RIM/CS/PdT spot checks
* SWAG monitoring is finished for this year

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann:**

* Cover Crops: have payment to do yet
* 1026 are caught up to May
* CSP should be able to do payments now
* New soil con should be starting on October 28th.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:** Discussed our budget and they must approve preliminary budget in December.

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

* Pomme de Terre: New coordinator is Mikayla Lakey
* Drywood Creek Project: Part of the bank caved in due to high flow. Discussed repairing the project which is going to cost an estimate of $3,900. We will do the repairs from District funds

**Motion was made by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve doing the repairs with District Funds.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

* 1W1P will be presented to SWCD and County Boards in November
* Cover Crop Grant / BWSR Grant application deadline is Oct 24
* Nitrate Testing: There was 213 kits returned
* Chippewa Sub Committee is meeting to discuss structure, by laws, and JPA staffing

**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 November 14, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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