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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE October 11, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota October 11, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth

P & I - Carl Ahrndt

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD Stephanie Adams Pomme de Terre Watershed.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Old Tree Planter:**  Clint was going to come and get it

**Tractor Lease:** Waiting to see if there is a program again next year

**Letter to State Conservationist:** Andy drafted a letter to the new State Con about our not having a DC in the office. Just to let him know we are concerned and asking for higher priority in hiring.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to send the letter to the new State Conservationist voicing our concerns due to not having a full time DC.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Business:**

**Thomas Olson:** Buffer Cost Share contract for $540 flat rate for his buffer planting.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Ahrndt to approve paying Thomas Olson Buffer Cost Share for $540.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Buffer Monitoring Plan:** We have a 3-year plan, it needs to be posted on website. It breaks down the County into 3 different areas. One area checked each year for the next 3 years. The time for this will come from the Buffer Grant.

**Motion was made** **by Schlieman seconded by Gronseth to approve the 3-year Buffer Monitoring Plan.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Schaffer Farms:** Cover Crop State Cost Share contract #2018-02. This is for a 3yr contract on 2018 Appleton Sec 3 305 acres in 2019 Moyer Sec 28 143 acres, 2020 Marysland Sec 3 131 acres. This meets the $7500 cap that we set. He will be following sugar beets and edible beans. Andy will be going out to verify each is planted each year of the contract.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth to send the staff to approve the 2018-02 State Cost Share contract with Schaffer Farms for cover crops in the amount of $7500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Swift County Drainage:** State Cost Share 2017-03 for side inlets on the Shakopee Creek in Cashel Township Sec 27. There are to prevent washing out of ditch banks. There will be 5 structures for the cost of $4900 total, we will cost share 75% for $3675.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt approve the 2017-03 State Cost Share contract with the Swift County Drainage for $3675.00.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Audit:** We will be needing extra work done on the audit that is being conducted that is beyond the original bid.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch approve the additional cost for the audit.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Stephanie Adams –** Pomme de Terre Watershed:

* Closed out one grant but have cost share money available for SWCD for projects.
* 1W1P – working on target areas
* Drywood Creek Dam removal project is almost done. Only need soil wrap done otherwise it is completed.
* AIS found in Pomme de Terre River on northern end.

**MDA Township Well Testing:** They are asking for help to get nitrate tests to landowners. This would happen next summer with the SWCD providing names & address to the lab for testing. There would be no cost to the landowner. We would be working with RMB labs who would bill us and in return we would bill MDA to get reimbursed. They would pay us for the time we put in putting together the names and address.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Gronseth work with MDA to do the township well testing next summer.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* RIM Inspections are complete and have done about 75 of them.
* One major violation that has been sent to BWSR
* Working on tree planter and have it repaired
* Old drill needs all new disks or coulters. It will cost approximately $1000 to rebuild the drill.

**Motion was made** **by Schuerman seconded by Weimerskirch approve the costs to repair the old drill.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

* Chippewa River – Board meeting Oct 19.
* Lake Hassel project will start next week on the drawdown structure
* Adopt a Hwy – Hwy 9 from the Sale barn Rd to the Beet Plant, is official and we will be getting vests and bags for the garbage.
* Decals for the sides of the enclosed trailer. We would like to put decals on the trailer, so the public knows who we are when we have the trailer out doing field checks. Cost would be for both sides for a total of $300.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman:**

* EQIP working on practice installation and payments
* CSP 5 plans with a deadline of Oct 26
* 1026 are being worked on
* Job Approval Authority is being updated to electronic version
* MOU & Civil Rights was read over with Board and signed.

**Financial Report**:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

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