

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **October 13, 2022** BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Swift USDA Building, Benson Minnesota October 13, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Vice President - Mark Weimerskirch
Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth
Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Absent:

President – Dale Schlieman and P & I – Scott Olson

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD and Ed Pederson County Commissioner.

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

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ag Weather Station: Has been installed. Dept Ag came out and Andy to set it up. Andy showed pictures and explained how it will work.

Nature Day: Went very well! Main presenter was good and very helpful. He would like to come again for an event. All the students, teaching staff, presenter and our staff received T-shirts. We brought rolls to the city park workers to thank them for moving all the tables.

MASWCD/PF Wildlife Habitat Steward Award: This a new award offered through P/F and MAWSCD. Jack Byrne has accepted the nomination. The State selection will be at the State Convention. Do we want to give a gift to the person we nominate? What are some thoughts?

Bank CD Renewal: The renewal date is October 14, 2022. Will check on rates. Mentioned checking with Edwards Jones and see what their rates are also. Will check on these for the next meeting. We will tack CD funds out of Coop and put in saving at Danvers Bank until we decide.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve waiting until next meeting to decide and meet with Edward Jones to explore rates.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

2023 Local Capacity and 2023 Buffer Law Grant: We received the contracts to sign and return. We would receive \$124,311 for Local Capacity and \$25,500 for the implantation of the Buffer Law Grant.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to signing the 2023 Local Capacity and Buffer Law Grant.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

2023 Soil Health Cost Share: This would be for different practices. We are working on a policy for cost sharing trees. Will check to see if fabric is eligible also. Will take action at the next meeting.

2022 Resolution Packets: All Board members were mailed the packets and need to turn in their ballot by October 24, 2022.

Audit Letter: The audit has been completed by Peterson Company and we need to sign the letter and return it so that they can file it with the State.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to signing the audit letter so that it can be filed with the State.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Cost Share Contract 76-01-19CWF-21WBIF Cover Crops: This is in Section 16 of Appleton township. The cover crop is for 52 acres and will be doing three seed mixture. This has been completed. The seed was purchased through the SWCD and flown on. This is a three-year contract with \$1560 each year for a total of \$4680. We are signing an amendment to change the funding source from Local Capacity to 2020 PdT WBIF.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Cover Crop Cost Share Contract 76-01-19CWF-21WBIF for payment and the amendment to change the funding source.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

NRCS – Brett Carlson: None

Pheasants Forever Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:

- CRP contract plans are done for approximately 3,000 acres
- Summer and fall looking at 2023-2024 expiring contracts.

District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:

- Well readings have gone down a little this last month.
- Attending PdT meetings.
- Couple of drill rentals for alfalfa.
- Pre ordering trees from Schumacher’s since some are already sold out.
- Fabric is needed, so would like to order 100 rolls. This should last us about three years

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to order 100 rolls of fabric with the cost being approximately \$9,900.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

District Manager – Andy Albertsen:

- PdT Watershed Association still has project money is available.
- Chippewa River TAC meeting today.
- Upper MN held citizen and advisory committee meeting in Clinton. Finalized planning areas and prioritized issues.
- BWSR Academy is October 25-27 at Craguns.
- Fall Newsletter – Trying for mid-December to have published. Will split the cost with Parks & Drainage.
- USDA building is working on getting doors with latches and new locks.
- Distribution hub for post for easement boundaries. We would put in the order and other counties could come here to pick them up.
- Ambush Park Butterfly Garden needs work and will be working on improving it or starting over. There are some funds remaining in that account that could be spent to make it better.

County Commissioner Ed Pederson:

- County Administrator as accepted a position in Kandiyohi County.
- Working on budget for 2023 since final is due in December, looking at an initial levy of 4%. SWCD is slated to receive \$85,000.
- Looking for a County Engineer.

Financial Reports:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded Gronseth by to approve financial report.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for **November 10, 2022** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY