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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE September 12, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota September 12, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

**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 Gronseth seconded by Olson to approve the Secretary Report and the Agenda.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree for Clint:** Is here and we are lining up a day and time to plant it.

**F250 Ford Truck:** We have had a few people look at it, and bids will be taken until Oct 9th.

**New Business:**

**Living Snow fences:** Except for one, this will be the last payment for the living snow fences that we have that are billed through the Swift County Hwy Dept.

**BWSR Academy:**  This year’s academy will be held Oct 29-31 at Breezy Point. All the SWCD staff will be attending.

**Nature Day:** Is being held September 20th at Ambush Park again. We will have 16 stations, with 5th & 6th grade students from KMS & Benson schools. We have requested funds from the County AIS funds to help pay for t-shirts for the event.

**New Bank Account:** We have been informed that Co-op Credit does not pledge collateral for accounts over $250,000, which is required by the State for public funds such as ours. We will need to change bank to one that does have this practice. Sheri went to banks in Benson and made inquires as to this matter and interest rates. After much discussion, it was decided to move back to the State Bank of Danvers.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to move our accounts to the State Bank of Danvers.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**B C Tara Ostendorf:** Has left her position of Board Conservationist with BWSR to work in the private sector. We will be having Jason Beckler as the temp BC for Swift County until the position is filled.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:** Discussed the county allocation and match. We discussed how to get the most out of the match with BWSR.

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* CRP plans are done, there was 96 to be written. Not sure when there will be another sign up.
* One CREP Easement for about 120 acres

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* SWAG testing going on
* Well monitoring
* Doing RIM/CS/PdT spot checks
* MDA monitoring finished up

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann:**

* EQIP had 100 apps
* Cover Crops: 9 funded
* RCPP had one funded
* CSP had 13 app with 5 funded and one cancelled

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:** Discussed our budget and County’s allocation process.

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

* Pomme de Terre: Stephanie Adams is leaving on Sept 20th. They have had 7 applications for the position. Interviews will be Sept 18th.
* BWSR bus tour had two busses with DNR and BWSR staff on them
* Drywood Creek Project: Part of the bank caved in due to high flow. DNR would like it fixed, but who is going to do it. We will try and get a couple of estimates on the cost and proceed from there.
* 1W1P will be presented to SWCD and County Boards
* Cooperative Weed Management Cost Share had 3 approved contracts and one pending. They can apply for up to $500 max. We will be starting a waiting list for next year money.
* Nitrate Clinic: There was 13 samples tested
* Life in the Pits was held by Granite Falls with very wet conditions.
* County Commissioners Meeting: Requested $70,000 general allocation with $10,000 match
* AgBMP Application: Strip till machine to be purchased by Harmon Wilts. He is requesting $200,000 with the total cost of the machine of $241,000.
* MDA Pesticide Monitoring is now completed. We should see the results later in the year. We tested a spot on the Shakopee Creek

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

**Motion was made Weimerskirch** **by seconded by Olson to approve financial report.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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