

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE September 14, 2017 BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota September 14, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman
Treasurer - Orvin Gronseth
P & I – Carl Ahrndt

ABSENT: President – Dale Schlieman, Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

OTHERS PRESENT: Ed Peterson County Commissioner, Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Jeff Hellermann, Stephanie Adams PdT Watershed

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Stephanie Adams introduced herself and went over a few things going on with the PdT Watershed. Also discussed the successful bus tour. It went very well with 45 people on the bus. She gave a quick report on the 1W1P upcoming meetings.

Old Business:

Tree Building: Site work is being done for the building construction. Trees have been taken down and dirt has been removed. Will work on the color.

Water Festival will be held September 15th this year. We will be moving tables after the September 14th meeting for this.

Area 2 Meeting: September 6th at the Minnewaska House. We had a good turnout roughly 60 people and food was very good.

New Business:

2018-2019 BWSR Grants: All grants have been lumped in to one agreement to be signed by the Board.

Resolution Packets: Were handed out at the meeting to all the Supervisors to be reviewed before the next meeting. They should be completed so that we can sign and get the votes on the sheet for the State Convention.

Buffer Cost Share Sign Off Authority: It was brought up by BWSR to have a staff person who could sign off on Buffer Grant contracts for filter strips and grasses. We decided that the person who should sign off on this is the Buffer employee. So Andy will sign off on Buffer Cost Share contracts

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to the approve Andy to sign the Buffer Cost Share Contracts.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Randy Ascheman State Cost Share: Due to the need to haul the concrete away instead of burying it he needs more funds. We are amending his contract to ask for \$6483.75 additional funds.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to the approve the additional funds for Randy Ascheman State Cost Share in the amount of \$6483.75

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

AgBMP Loan: The Board approved Andy to sign off on AgBMP application prior to bringing it to the Board meeting.

Motion was made by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to the approve Andy to sign the AgBMP applications prior to Board approval.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Jeff Hellermann – Acting DC for NRCS:

- Touched on their Area meeting and what was discussed.
- Operational agreement should be approved next week.
- Lot of vacancies in NRCS
- CSP – Seven out of eight are approved. Six obligated
- EQIP – 12 applications for the FY2018 year

District Technician – Andy Albertsen:

- Drywood Creek dam has been removed and new approach added
- Koosman project has begun

Financial Report:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the Treasurer’s report subject to audit and pay bills.

Affirmative: All Motion carried

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 12** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY