

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **October 10, 2024**, BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Swift USDA Building, Benson, Minnesota on October 10, 2024.

Members Present:

Vice Chairman - Mark Weimerskirch

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P&I – Alan Golden

Absent: Chairman – Dale Schlieman and Secretary – Scott Olson

Others Present: Andy Albertsen SWCD, Sheri Gades SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, Cadence Larson SWCD, and Ed Pederson County Commissioner.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman - Mark Weimerskirch.

Consent Agenda and Minutes:

Motion was made by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve the Agenda, Minutes, and the Pdt-2025 CRP Incentive Program Contract for Services.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Outstanding Conservatoinist: Interview was printed in all 3 papers. They will both attend the State Convention.

Side by Side: We have the side by side now. There is a break light not working but the dealership is shipping the part to fix it.

Pickup Options: Dalton had done a lot of checking with different dealers on prices for new and used pickups. Discussed the different options that there were available. We discussed what we want to sell the green F150 for.

Motion was made by Golden and seconded by Weimerskirch to set the price to sell F150 at \$14,000.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Motion was made by Gronseth and seconded by Golden to purchase a pickup for around the price of \$50,000.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

New Business:

AgBMP Loan Request: We have a request from Doug Sather for 149,880.30. This is for an irrigator.

We have the funds now for his request. We had a discussion whether this is something we want to approve. There were a couple of things that the Board would like to see before approving the application such as him providing a prescription for use of irrigator for water and fertilizer application.

Motion was made by Weimerskirch and seconded by Olson to approve the application with the provision that he provides a prescription.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Upper MN WBIF Contract for Services: We received the contract for services and need to sign it.

Motion was made by Olson and seconded by Golden to sign the contract for services with the Upper MN.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

2025 Soil Health Delivery Cost Share Contracts: We received the following contracts for approval.

Jake Allpress – 2025-SHD-01 cover crops Appleton sec 10 for 197 acres \$10,000.

Bill Allpress – 2025-SHD-02 cover crops Appleton sec 10 for 150 acres \$9,000.

Mike Owens – 2025 SHD-03 cover crops Moyer sec 27 for 127 acres \$7,620.

Shawn Bonk – 2025-SHD-04 cover crops Edison sec 23 for 140 acres \$7,000.

Cover Crops:

Tronn Tosel- SH-CWF22-01 for cover crops Appleton sec 11 for 137 acres \$6,850.

Gary Nygard – 76-01-19CWF-21WBIF cover crops 3rd year Appleton \$780.00.

Motion was made by Golden and seconded by Olson to approve the cost share contracts listed above.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Area 2 Meeting is October 3rd in Ortonville. Let Sheri know if you will be attending by the end of September.

BWSR Academy October 29-31 at Cragun’s in Brainerd. All of the staff will be attending.

MASWCD Annual Convention is December 3rd – 4th. Let Andy know if you want to attend, and he will get you registered.

Audit Letter Signatures: We received the letter from Pederson Ltd to sign and return to them for the 2023 audit.

Motion was made by Olson and seconded by Golden to sign the audit letter and return it.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Pens: Discussed different options for new pens. We are all out of the last ones we ordered. We decided to go back to the pens like we had previously.

Motion was made by Olson and seconded by Golden to reorder the pens that we had before.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Reports:

Soil Health – Cadence Larson:

- Worked at Fair Booth and did demonstrations.
- Talked to several people to be on a committee for a spring Soil Event.
- Worked on Soil Health Grant.
- Made phone calls to people in the target area.

District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:

- Did well reading in August.
- Moving drills around as needed.
- Starting to do inspections for RIM and cost share.

District Manager – Andy Albertsen:

- Chippewa River – TAC meeting today. Hoping to get funds for next spring’s projects.
- Upper MN – Funds have been awarded. Planning for funds to be available for fall.
- Nature Dy schedules have been finalized and letters sent for donations. September 20th at Ambush Park.
- Mike Thompson funding discussion. This project would clean out all remaining cost share funds and we would not be charging staff time to it. It is located in Camp Lake Sec 12.
- Co-operative Weed Management received \$15,000 from BWSR. Pope SWCD is the fiscal agent.
- Created cost share flyers for structural and non-structural practices. These describe the process for applying for cost share.

County Commissioner Ed Pederson:

- Discussed commission race and county attorney position.
- Discussed ongoing projects in the County.

Financial Reports:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

Motion was made by Olson seconded by Golden to approve the financial reports.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 10, 2024**, at 8:00 am.

APPROVED:

DATE

SECRETARY