

**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MINUTES FROM THE **September 8, 2022** BOARD MEETING**

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at Swift USDA Building, Benson Minnesota September 8, 2022.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth
Secretary – Carl Ahrndt
P & I – Scott Olson

Absent:

President – Dale Schlieman
Vice President - Mark Weimerskirch

OTHERS PRESENT: Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Gemma Kleinschmidt PF, and Dalton Herrboldt SWCD.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by acting President Orvin Gronseth.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Old Business:

Ag Weather Station: September 22 installation date on Larry Mahoney field.

Fair Booth: Gave three gift certificates for trees to be ordered next spring. We handed out t-shirts that were left over from previous Nature Day events.

Nature Day: Scheduled for Friday September 16th. There will be 17 stations for students to see and t-shirts have been ordered.

Swift Conservation Fund: Just an update on the progress and more discussion of examples of possible projects, ranking and scoring.

New Business:

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.

MASWCD/PF Wildlife Habitat Steward Award: This a new award offered through P/F and MAWSCD. Deadline for nominations is September 19th. This award is for working to improve wildlife habitat through programs offered. We are going to ask Pat and Jack Byrne if we can nominate them. Gemma will be working on this award.

Motion was made by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve the MASWCD/PF award nomination of Pat & Jack Byrne

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Contract Voucher: Contract #EB02-2021 Voucher has been signed as funds were spent on this project. The project has been completed. Total cost was \$47,946 and 75% cost share was \$35,959.50

Motion was made by Ahrndt seconded by Olson to approve payment for EB02-2021 as project is completed.

The 75% is \$35,959.50.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

PdT 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 will be flown own. This is a three-year contract with \$1560 each year for a total of \$4680.

Motion was made by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve the Cover Crop Cost Share Contract 76-01-19CWF-21WBIF.

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Area 2 Meeting: This meeting will be held in Avon on September 20, 2022. Let Sheri know if you will be attending so she can get a head count for the hosting county.

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:

- Tree site visits being done.
- Well readings are coming back up.
- RIM, C/S and PdT site inspections being completed.
- Final water sample sent in.
- Attending PdT meetings.
- Tree tubes & stakes came in

District Manager – Andy Albertsen:

- PdT Watershed Association still has project money is available. Coordinator review was conducted. 2023 WBIF grant was submitted.
- Chippewa River TAC meeting today.
- East Branch working with Pope to submit 2nd grant application
- Soil Health Team – No official team meeting this fall but a field day on September 14th.
- Nitrate Clinic – Was held in Appleton, Benson an Kerkhoven.
- 2023 Soil Health Cost Share each district will get \$14,175 and will do a workplan through Elink.
- Soil Health Grant targets ag fields around Appleton and Benson drinking water supply. Cost share for cover crops, incentive payments for CRP. Only pays for land located within the targeted area. We requested \$285,000.
- Discussed the Qt 2 invoice for Andy 58 hrs. = \$3,752. Environmental Services does not want to pay for the time charged to it. We will continue to work with Scott Collins on this matter.

County Commissioner Ed Pederson:

Working on budget for 2023 since final is due in December.

Financial Reports:

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

Affirmative: All Motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for **October 13 2022** at 8:00 am.

APPROVED: _____
DATE

SECRETARY