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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE April 8, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the LEC Conference Room, Benson Minnesota April 8, 2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by President – Dale Schlieman

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Drone License:** Everything is done, just waiting to take it up!

**Photo Contest:** We picked up the kayak, paddleboard, and life jackets. Business have been picked to get the gift cards from. We will start it around May 17th. It will be advertised on the radio, Facebook, and the newsletter.

**AgBMP Loan:** The producer is still checking with banks. We got an additional $50,000 in our fund, so right now we have $178,000 available.

**1W1P Upper MN Watershed:** Sent out a sheet with each option and what we want to do or how much we want to be involved.

**4 – Wheeler:** We have no idea when the dealer will get it from the company.

**New Business:**

**Tree Pickup Day:** We will be holding tree pickup on April 21 & April 22 since we have so many orders this year. The first half of the alphabet will be the first day, the rest the next. The trees will be delivered to us on April 13 & 14.

**2021 Outstanding Conservationist:** Time to start thinking of who a good candidate for the Outstanding Conservationist for Swift County would be.

**Pope-Swift Contract for Services:** We need to sign the agreement with Pope County for the East Branch Grant. Pope has received the funds and this contract allows us to access the funds for use in Swift County.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch to approve signing the Contract for Services with Pope for the East Branch Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**CRWA Resolution to Support 1W1P:** This resolution supports moving forward with planning 1W1P.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson** **to approve signing the resolution supporting moving forward with 1W1P.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Upper MN 1W1P MOA:** This states that we agree to the committees and planning with Travers, Swift, Big Stone and the Watershed.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve signing the MOA with the Upper MN 1W1P.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**F250 Tires:** Tires are worn out and Dalton handed out sheet with different options. It needs one that will stand up to driving on the gravel a lot.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Gronseth to approve having Dalton talk to dealer and make the decision as to which is best and have them put on the truck.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Pomme de Terre 1W1P Grant Contract for Services:** Allows Swift SWCD to have access to the funds from the Pomme de Terre Watershed. We must send an invoice to requests funds.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson** **to approve signing the contract with the Pomme de Terre.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**NRCS – Thomas Tjepkes: None**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Handed out a printout of the past years to compare this year’s tree sales with.
* Tree sales have picked up a lot. We have started selling apple trees.
* Turned water on at the building and got things ready for tree delivery and plantings.

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

* CRWA – TAC meeting today. JPB meeting next Friday.
* Pomme de Terre – JPB meeting Friday. Discussed ranking/tracking tool. Also discussing 90% cost share on certain projects.
* Saturated buffer - We did a mailing and sent 11 letters and have four site requests. Waiting on two more.
* MAWQCP – Wentzel are reviewing material and waiting on them. Matt Mesenbrink applied recently and have had initial meeting. Need to do residue checks.
* Saturated Buffer mailing was done, and we had four site reviews requests submitted, and two additional landowners interested but waiting on maps.
* Attended County Commissioners meeting April 6th.
* WCA: Future WCA lead for Swift County to be determined with Mike Johnson retiring this summer.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

* Commented on Andy’s power point to the Commissioners. Thought he did a great job.

**Financial Reports:**

Sheri handed out financial reports for the first quarter to be reviewed and if there were any questions.

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for May 13th, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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