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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE December 20, 2018 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota December 20, 2018.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Clinton Schuerman

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

**Absent:** P & I - Carl Ahrndt and Ed Peterson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President – Dale Schlieman

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**State Convention:**  Doug & Alicia Schliep attended and had a good time. Also attending this years was Andy, Dalton, Mark and Dale.

**New Business:**

**2017 State Cost Share Extension:** We have projects that could not be installed this fall due to the weather. We requested an extension to December 31, 2019. We need to sign the agreement to extend with BWSR.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to approve signing the amendment to extend the 2017 State Cost Share to December 31, 2019**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Swift County Parks & Drainage:** They signed the amendment to extend their State Cost share contract due to the weather prohibiting their project from being completed this fall.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth to extend Swift County Parks & Drainage State Cost Share to December 31, 2019.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Schafer Farms Inc: cover Crop Cost Share:** They got their cover crops in this year and it will be monitored for the next 3 years to make sure they continue to plant them. They are receiving $7500 total for the contract.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch to approve the closeout for Schafer Farms Cover Crop Cost Share.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**East Branch Watershed:** Sub water shed analysis performed by Huston Engineering working with Pope SWCD.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch approve proceeding with the program**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2017 Local Capacity:** We have used all the funding for the 2017 Local Capacity Grant. The funds that we did not get in match were already sent back to the BWSR.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch approve the close out of the 2017 Local Capacity Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Farm Bill Assistance Agreement:** We have received the agreement for the 2019 Farm Bill Assistance to be signed by the Board. We will be required to submit everything in Elink starting this year.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Gronseth approve signing the Farm Bill Assistance Agreement.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Attended Conservation Tillage Conference in Fargo
* Finished work on the tree building and new building.
* Received 4 tree orders so far
* 3 Possible tree plans have come in also

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

* Chippewa River – They owe money back to BWSR that will need to be returned. Currently they have no funds available. The State Auditor will be contacting Emma
* Pomme de Terre - Received a 2019 CWF Grant for $541,766. This is for time and projects.
	+ Pre Wraps 2 – 50 interviews with 6 being in Swift County
	+ Applying for a 319 grant which will be the last year for that grant
	+ 1W1P – reviewing draft implementation table
* Water Plan Update – Will be presented to the Central Region on January 10.
* Surface Water Assessment Grant – 7 stream sites to be monitored. It would roughly be one day sampling with each site being monitored 1-3 times per month. This would only be about 4 months. We could receive $3900 per site for the grant. We would have to purchase the equipment for the monitoring and submit results.

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt:**

* Possible increase in acres for CRP
* Moving forward with 3 CREP easements. Doing the title work now
* CRP workshop, 2 different workshops. We may want to do something similar. Hold Possible workshop for people to attend. We could do this in conjunction with another county.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: None**

**Financial Reports**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Board met and discussed staff raises for the upcoming 2019 year. They decided on a 5% increase for all three employees and a $50 per month increase for insurance for Dalton and Andy.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

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

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