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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE July 11, 2019 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the FSA Building Conference Room, Benson Minnesota June 13th, 2019.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

President – Dale Schlieman

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: None

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

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Tree for Clint:** Ordered and waiting for it to come. Also ordering the plaque to be placed by the tree.

**Board Operating Rules & Guidelines:** Andy inquired to see if anyone had reviewed the Board Operating Rules & Guidelines. Board has no problems with what is in the document, so they are going to approve it as written.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Weimerskirch** **to approve the Board Operating Rules & Guidelines as written.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Outstanding Conservationist:** Dalton has been out and taken pictures at Daren Schuerman’s operation. We just need to do the interview.

**New Business:**

**CREP & RIM Assistance Agreement:** This was formally called the Farm Bill Assistance Agreement. We will match the $3250 again this year, with the grant being $32,500.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch** **to approve the CREP & RIM Assistance Agreement and sign to be returned to BWSR.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Local Partnership Agreement with Pheasants Forever:** This agreement is for Gemma’s position with Pheasants Forever. Also states that we will be matching $3,250 from the SWCD.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve the Local Partnership Agreement with Pheasants Forever for Gemma’s position and match $3250.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Annual Plan Review:** Andy went over the plan and made some updates in the plan for this year.

**Pictometry Agreement:** This agreement is with Swift County GIS so that we can use their satellite maps. The agreement is for one year and cost is $500. We use these maps quite often and Dalton has to use them since he is not on the NRCS system.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Weimerskirch** **to approve signing the agreement with Swift County GIS for use of satellite maps and to pay the $500.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Mike Yost Cost Share Contract 2019-03:** He is doing a diversion project at their farm. Total estimated cost is $9,000, of which we would pay 75% and that comes to $6,750. The project is located in Dublin Township, Section 15.

**Motion was made** **by Weimerskirch seconded by Olson to approve Mike Yost Cost Share contract 2019-03 for $6,750.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Rick Gronseth Rain Garden WP19-01:** All work has been done and bills paid. We need to sign the voucher and pay him for it. He is receiving 75% of the total cost from Water Plan money. The amount is $1578.89 and is in Swift Falls.

**County Funding:** Andy has a print out of surrounding counties and compares each with what we received from the County for yearly funding. He will be meeting with the County Administrator to discuss how much we will be getting. There was discussion on how much he should be asking for, also the match amount so that we get a match from BWSR again.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Olson to Andy to ask for $72,000 in funding from Swift County.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Farm Bill Biologist – Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* SWAG testing going on
* Finished tree plantings
* Moving drills all over the County
* Well monitoring

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann: None**

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:** Discussed the process in developing a budget for the County.

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

* CRWP – Pope County is the interim coordinator. Counties need to pay BWSR back by September 1, 2019.
* Pomme de Terre working on Soil Health Team will have its 1st meeting on July 17 in Morris.
* 1W1P Presenting to local (SWCD & County) in Aug/Sept.
* BWSR bus tour is August 28th. It is a day long tour to show projects to BWSR people. They will stop at Drywood Creek project.
* Soil Health Chats – Tonight at McKinney’s
* Buffer Implementation Grant will be $30,000 again this year.

**Financial Reports:**

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 August 8, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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