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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE June 13, 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:**

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

P & I – Scott Olson

**Abse**nt: President – Dale Schlieman

 Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

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

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M. by Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

Sheri called Eden Green and ordered the hybrid elm tree to plant in Clint Schuerman’s memory. The cost should be around $110. They will let us know when they get it in.

Andy inquired to see if anyone had reviewed the Board Operating Rules & Guidelines yet. We will revisit it at the July meeting since we did not have a full Board.

**New Business:**

**Outstanding Conservationist:** There was some discussion on a candidate for this year’s Outstanding Conservationist. We decided on asking Daren Schuerman. He has a rotational grazing plan for his cattle and does cover crops.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Olson to approve asking Daren Schuerman to be our Outstanding Conservationist for the 2019 year.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**ATV Cultipacker:** Looking into purchasing a Cultipacker for the ATV to pull for any seedings that we are doing. We would be using Buffer grant money to purchase this field item. The approximate cost will be $1,000 and will purchase from Runnings.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve purchasing a Cultipacker from Runnings and use the Buffer grant to pay for it.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Swift County Fair Booth:** Will do the same booth that we have always had for $130.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Olson to approve having a booth at the Swift County Fair again this year.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**Ron Evenson Buffer Cost Share Contract BCS2018-022:** We will be doing buffer cost share on 4.6 acres in Cashel 15. Total of cost share will be $1377.05.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve Ron Evenson Buffer Cost Share contract 2018-022 for 4.6 acres.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

**DNR Well Monitor Agreement:** Need to sign agreement again for the reading of 28 observation wells. The agreement will be for $ 5280.00. This works out to $30 per well.

**Motion was made** **by Olson seconded by Ahrndt to approve signing the agreement with the DNR to do well observation on 28 wells for total of $5280.00.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**

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

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

Out planting last tree planting for the season.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickmann: None**

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

* MAWQCP – working with Gary Nygard’s fields to get him certified
* CRWP is looking for a volunteer interim coordinator – likely Pope SWCD
* Pomme de Terre working on Soil Health Team and 1W1P is getting towards the end.
* BWSR bus tour is August 28th. It is a day long tour to show projects to BWSR people.
* Buffer Law we only have 2 landowners left to contact. We will continue to work on getting everyone compliant
* Soil Health Chats – Working on setting up meetings that will be held in the evenings in different parts of the Chippewa River Watershed.
* Summer newsletter should be going out in July.

**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 July 11, 2019 at 8:00 am.

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