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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE May 13, 2021 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held in the LEC Conference Room, Benson Minnesota May 13, 2021.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

**Absent:** President – Dale Schlieman and P & I – Scott Olson

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Sheri Gades SWCD, Andy Albertsen SWCD, Dalton Herrboldt SWCD, Ed Pederson County Commissioner, and Tom Orr Ag Inspector.

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

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Business:**

**Photo Contest:** Each Board member was mailed a copy of the rules and the flyer for the photo contest prior to the meeting. We will be advertising in the area newspaper, radio, and Facebook.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve rules for the photo contest.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**4 – Wheeler:** The new one has been picked up from Willmar Motor Sports. The broadcast seeder is mounted.

**2021 Outstanding Conservationist:** Time to start thinking of who a good candidate for the Outstanding Conservationist for Swift County would be. There are a couple producers that have come to mind and will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**New Business:**

**Ag Inspector Contract:** The contract is the same as it has been in previous years, no changes have been made.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve signing the contract with Tom Orr for the Ag Inspector for Swift County.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Mesenbrink Cost Share Contract #76-02-16-319:** The construction of two sediment control structures has been completed in Fairfield township, section 21. These funds will be passed through from Pomme de Terre. The cost was $7,694.44.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the voucher and payment of Mesenbrink Cost Share Contract for $7694.44.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Resolution are due if there are any to be made.

**Local Work Group:** Needs to be done by the end of July. After discussing it, we decided to do the same as last year. We will be holding a breakfast before the Board meeting and after the Board meeting, we will hold the Local Work Group. This will be held on July 15th at Ambush Park.

**Cultipacker:** It was used a couple of times last year. The question has come up, do we want to rent it to people to do their own? We will rent it for $25 per day and they must come and pick it up.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve renting the Cultipacker for $25 per day.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Old Tree Planter:** We discussed what to do with the old tree planter that is just sitting at the tree building. It has not been used for many years and is just taking up space. We could just send it to a scrap metal place.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt** **to approve hauling the old tree planter to a scrap metal yard.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Fair Trees:** The last couple years we have given away a rain barrel at the Swift County Fair as a door prize. Do we want to give live trees this year or give a gift certificate for a tree next spring? This way we would not have to try and keep them alive over most of the summer. It was left up to the employees to decide how we want to handle this.

**Pheasants Forever – Gemma Kleinschmidt: None**

**NRCS – Thomas Tjepkes: None**

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* Last tree planting is today after the meeting.
* Drills have been delivered for grass or pasture planting
* Tree pickup went well. We held if for 2 days since we had so many orders.

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

* CRWA – TAC meeting today. Andy is now the chair. Working on 1W1P application which is due June 11.
* Pomme de Terre – JPB meeting Friday. Discussed ranking/tracking tool. Also discussing 90% cost share on certain projects.
* Saturated buffer – Four site reviews performed. Waiting on report from engineering firm that did the reviews.
* MAWQCP – Wentzel are reviewing material and waiting on them. Doing field checks on Wilts and Mesenbrink next week.
* NRCS Reginal Conservation Partnership Program - Working with producer with irrigators to implement conservation practices that protect ground water and promote expanded precision irrigation practices
* Seed Sales – Nine sales so far this year.
* Buffer – 2021 imagery finalized and can start reviewing parcels to make sure they are compliant.

**County Commissioner – Ed Pederson:**

* The County received Federal money for infrastructure in the amount of 1.7 million, though it is unclear on how it needs to be spent.
* May be letting bids for basement remodel at court house soon.

**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 Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve financial report.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried.**

Next meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2021 at 8:00 am.

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