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**SWIFT COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

# MINUTES FROM THE October 8th, 2020 BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Swift County SWCD was held at the USDA Service Center, Benson Minnesota October 8, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Vice President – Mark Weimerskirch

Secretary – Carl Ahrndt

Treasurer – Orvin Gronseth

Absent: President – Dale Schlieman, P & I – Scott Olson

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

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:**

**2019 Audit** – Has been completed and sent to the State of MN.

**CD Maturity:** The current CD will mature on October 14. We have looked in to the different options at the local banks. The best rates are with the Credit Coop where the CD is currently at. It was decided to let it renew for 12 months at .99%.

**Motion was made** **by Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve leaving the CD at the Credit Coop for 12 months at the .99% rate.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**ATV Replacement:** Discussed upgrading the 4-wheeler we currently have. We put it out for sealed bids and received only one. The bid was for the $4,000 as specified as the starting bid amount. It was decided to accept the bid from Keith Albertsen for $4,000.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve the sale of the 4 wheeler for the amount of $4000.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**New Business:**

**2021 Buffer Law & 2021 Local Capacity Grants:** We need to sign the grants Buffer was for $28,000 and LC was $127,000.

**Motion was made** **by Ahrndt seconded by Gronseth to approve signing the 2021 Buffer Law and 2021 Local Capacity Grants.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**2020 Conservation Delivery Grant:** We need to close this grant out since all funds $18592 have been spent.

 **Motion was made** **by** **Gronseth seconded by Ahrndt to approve closing out the 2020 Conservation Delivery Grant.**

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

**Resolution Packets:** Need all the Supervisors to sign the resolution ballot that we received for voting on resolutions. Each was made a copy to take home and mark with their votes and then they will be put on the original ballot and emailed. Get them back to Sheri by Nov 9th.

**District Technician – Dalton Herrboldt:**

* SWAG water testing is done and is finishing up reporting to MPCA.
* Took old drill to Dale’s and tried it out and fixed any problems.
* Site inspections are almost completed.

**NRCS – Melanie Dickman: None**

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

* PdT – 1W1P developing 2-year budget.
* Chippewa River Watershed – TAC meeting today.
	+ JPB is developing by-laws and policy.
* Soil Management Summit – Formally Tillage Conference, will be held December 15-16. This will be online only.
* Newsletter is being worked on for delivery in early January.
* MN Ag Water Quality Certification – Jim Forsell is interested in French drains. The Wentzel Farms are waiting for some fields to get harvested.
* Steve Schaffer cover crops have been planted for the final year of his cost share contract. This is in Appleton Sec 3.
* Feedlot inspections with Barry Bowman being done on the west side of the county.

**Financial Reports:**

Reviewed deposits, bills to be paid.

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

**Affirmative: All Motion carried**.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 12th at the USDA Service Center.

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