

### Tree Planter Info:

Most of this is information from Joe Kawalek, a landowner that has been regularly renting it from the county.

### Equipment Condition & Functionality

- Planter is approximately 50 years old and appears to be a homemade unit.
- Operates using tractor hydraulics (no battery required).
- Reportedly performs better than pull-behind models in wet or clay soils. (However, staff noted it appears to be a pin-hitch rather than a three point. Joe refers to it as a three-point.)
- Has been modified in the past (replacement plow point welded on in 2022 by Joe).
- Condition of overall equipment is uncertain; likely requires maintenance.

### Trailer

- A separate, also homemade trailer may be included, though its condition is unclear and it reportedly needs maintenance.
- Wes, Facilities Director, is unaware of a trailer. He said, "The tree planter has a hitch and tires (essentially a trailer itself) so I am not familiar with what he is referring to."

### Use & Management Considerations

- Historically offered as a free rental by county, which is seen as a benefit by users.
- The county is not willing to continue managing rental or distribution of the equipment. If we do not take it, they will scrap or auction it.
- If acquired, SWCD would need to determine storage, maintenance, liability, and rental logistics.

### Local Interest / Offers

- Joe Kawalek and John Goslinga offered;
  - To store and house the planter for public use (pending liability agreement), or
  - To purchase it. A third landowner has also inquired about purchasing it.

