

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**
April 9th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
Pipestone County Government Center Southwest
1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Brad Kruisselbrink, Chairman
Cal Spronk, Vice-Chair
Ken Christensen, Secretary/Treasurer
Bill Folger, PR&I
Mike Fruechte, Programs

Board Members Absent:

None

Others Present:

Melissa Rosendahl, Ayden Bonnett, Luke Johnson, Nathan Blankers, Nicole Schwebach,
Danielle Evers

Chairman Kruisselbrink called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

Spronk made a motion to approve the April agenda as presented. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Fruechte to approve the minutes of the March board meeting. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills

Spronk made a motion to file the financial reports and approve the payment of bills. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

New Business:

D. RCPP Contracts

- a. Bonnett presented 4 RCPP contracts. Contract #59-5-30 for 3 years of multi species cover crops on 213.91-304.36 acres in the amount of \$43,930.80. Contract #59-6-31 for 3 years of multi species cover crop on 320 acres in the amount of \$57,600.00. Contract #59-6-32 for 1 year of no-till on 174.99 acres in the amount of \$5,249.70. Contract #59-6-33 for 3 years of multi species cover crops on 48.55 acres the amount of \$8,739.00. Christensen made a motion to approve these contracts. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. SWCD Aid Funds

- a. Discussion was had about what to do with the SWCD Aid funds. Spronk made a motion to implement an application for a soil health equipment grant covering 50% up to \$50,000.00 to cover purchase of equipment. Christensen seconded the motion.

Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Election filing period May 19 – June 2

- a. Folger and Kruisselbrink are both up for reelection in 2026.

G. Pipestone SWCD JPA June Soil Health Training Agreement

- a. Fruechte made a motion to enter into an agreement to work with NRCS for a week long BWSR/NRCS staff training being held in Pipestone. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. Cost Share Contracts

- a. Schwebach presented 2 cost share contracts, the first was for Raatz Farms, contract #319-26-Raatz, Sweet township section 22. The waterway project cost estimate is \$8,676.20 with a 75% cost share the authorized amount is \$6,507.15 The second contract is for Ryan Beyenhof, contract #319-26-Beyenhof, Sweet township, section 22. The waterway project cost estimate is \$28,906.90 with a 75% cost share the authorized amount is \$21,680.17.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Johnson – Updated on legislative retirements and paving the road by John Deere.

Supervisor Reports:

Folger – Nothing.

Spronk – Gave update on Legislative Days and projects through TSA.

Christensen – Nothing.

Fruechte – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Attended RCRCA meeting.

NRCS Report: Have 3 preapprovals in Pipestone for EQIP, working on CSP applicants.

Manager's Report: Nothing.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Chairman Kruisselbrink declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45.

Ken Christensen, Secretary