

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
August 11th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

Ian Cunningham, Chairman
Cal Spronk, Vice-Chair
Bill Folger, Programs
Brad Kruisselbrink, PR & I

Board Members Absent:

Ken Christensen, Secretary / Treasurer

Others Present:

Luke Johnson, Les Nath, Levi Campion, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Nicole Schwebach

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

A. Approve Agenda

Motion made by Spronk to approve agenda as presented seconded by Folger.
Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Spronk, seconded by Kruisselbrink to approve the minutes of the July board meeting. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Financial Report & Bills

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

New Business:

D. Conservationist of the year 2022

- a. Discussion was had on who to nominate for the 2022 Conservationist of the Year award for Pipestone County. Spronk made a motion to nominate Mike and Allen Hachmann, seconded by Kruisselbrink. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none.

E. SRAM Contracts

- a. Schwebach presented a contract for Wayne Desplinter, contract # SRAM_1, in Eden township section 28 to enroll 16.1 acres into the program. The payment per acre is \$80 for 10 years for a total of \$12,880.00. Included in the contract is also a livestock crossing project cost of \$1,309.20 with a 75% cost share amount of \$981.90. The total contract amount is \$13,861.90. Folger made a motion to approve this contract. Motion seconded by Spronk. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- b. The second contract Schwebach presented is for Jeff DeBates, contract # SRAM_2, in Eden township section 32 to enroll 23.7 acres into the program. The payment per acre is \$80 for 10 years for a total of \$18,960.00. Included in the contract is also an interior fencing system of approximately \$8,000.00 and watering system of \$10,115.00. Partnering with EQIP there will be a 90% cost share amount equaling approximately \$16,303.50, EQIP will pay approximately \$10,487.22 leaving a 10% match of approximately \$1,811.50 for the land owner to pay and \$5,816.28 for the grant. The total contract amount is \$24,776.28. Folger made a motion to approve this contract. Motion seconded by Kruisselbrink. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none.

County Commissioner Report:

Nath - Noted the new parking lot at the EMS building. Started budget discussions on Tuesday. Primaries were held last Tuesday.

Johnson – Dredging project over half way done, they are currently working 7 days a week.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Attended the NACD summer meeting in Puerto Rico. Attended the Hybrid Rye Field Day. Spoke at Farm Fest about the must haves on the next farm bill.

Folger – Nothing.

Kruisselbrink – Nothing.

Spronk: Hybrid Rye Field Day was well attended.

NRCS Report: NRCS vehicles are getting card readers to track government vehicles. Hiring a new soil tech conservationist for the Pipestone office.

Manager's Report: No new update on the SW Mental Health Building. Planning to have building plans drawn up soon. Building will also house a new county ACE position. Ken Christensen is working on trailer estimate yet. The tree planter was displayed at the fair this year. Applied for another \$40,000 in septic grant funds. Presented the budget to the county board.

Adjournment:

There being no further business Chairman Cunningham declared the meeting adjourned.

Ken Christensen, Secretary