

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting
December 8th at 9:00 a.m. EMS Building 811 5th Street Pipestone, Minnesota**

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Ken Christensen, Secretary / Treasurer
Bill Folger, Programs

Others Present:

Les Nath, Luke Johnson, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Kyle Kuphal

Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Approval of Financial Report & Bills

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

New Business:

D. Soil Health Cost Share Grant Agreement & Workplan

- a. Krier discussed the workplan for this grant and how to implement it to encourage producers to plant cover crops to improve soil health. Spronk made a motion to enter into and sign the 2023 Soil Health Cost Share Grant Agreement for \$14,175.00. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. 2023 Capacity Buffer Grant Agreement

- a. Krier presented the 2023 Local Capacity Services Grant for \$125,081.00 and 2023 Buffer Law Grant for \$21,500.00 to the board. Motion made by Kruisselbrink to enter into and sign the 2023 SWCD Local Capacity Services and Buffer Law Grants. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. Groundwater Quality Nitrate Reduction Vouchers

- a. Krier presented two contracts. The first contract was for Chris Schulze, Fountain Prairie Township, Section 24, contract #01-25 for 64 cover crop acres at \$120/acre for a payment amount of \$7,680.00. The second contract was for Rod Schulze, Fountain Prairie Township, Section 26, contract #01-24 for 150 cover crop acres at \$120/acre for a payment amount of \$18,000.00. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve and pay these two vouchers as presented. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

G. Approval of 2023 Budget

- a. Krier presented the proposed 2023 budget with changes showing an approximate overspending of \$8,600.00. See attached. Spronk made a motion to approve the 2023 SWCD Budget. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

H. SRAM Contracts, Amendment & Voucher

- a. Krier presented a contract for Curt Johnson, Eden Township, Section 11, contract #SRM_04 including 8.4 acres at \$80/acre for a 10-year period with a total payment amount of \$6,720.00. The amendment is for Wayne Desplinter, Eden Township, Section 28, contract #SRAM_1 to amend the cost estimate from \$1,309.20 to \$1,718.30 due to increased cost of the project. The payment voucher is also for Wayne Desplinter to cost share 75% of the project cost. The total project cost is \$1,718.30 with a 75% cost share amount of \$1,288.73. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve the SRAM contract, amendment and pay the voucher. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

I. Cost Share Contract Voucher

- a. Krier presented a cost share contract voucher for Kuyper Farm Partnership, Rock Township, Section 28, contract #Kuyper5-22 with a total project amount of \$40,969.10. With a 75% cost share and 2.2 pre-construction cover acres at \$100/acre the total voucher amount is \$30,946.83. Kruisselbrink made a motion to approve and pay this cost share voucher. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

County Commissioner Report:

Nath – Nothing.

Johnson – The pipe is gone, dredge removed and the Redwood dredging project is complete. Attended the MN Rural Counties meeting recently.

Nagel – Nothing.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Just returned from Washington DC on a NACD trip to meet with legislators.

Kruisselbrink – Attended the Area V meeting.

Spronk – Attended the Area V meeting.

NRCS Report: Nothing

Manager's Report: Discussed options for changing the percentage paid on our current cost share contracts for sediment control basins. Will discuss further at January meeting.

Adjournment:

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

Ken Christensen, Secretary

