Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting

August 8th, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. Pipestone County Government Center Southwest 1016 8th Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota

Board Members Present:

Ken Christensen, Chairman Bill Folger, Vice-Chair Ian Cunningham, Programs Cal Spronk, PR&I

Board Members Absent:

Brad Kruisselbrink, Secretary/Treasurer

Others Present:

Kyle Krier, Doug Nagel, Luke Johnson, Nathan Blankers

Chairman Christensen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Approve Agenda

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

B. Approval of Minutes

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

C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills

a. Cunningham 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. 319 Grand Amendment

a. Krier presented a 319 Grant Amendment and Voucher for Jeff DeBates, contract # SRAM_02, Eden Township, Section 32. The amendment is to authorize the total amount to change from \$24,776.28 to \$28,123.90 due to the acres increasing from 23.7 acres to 24.7 acres. The total cost of the project was \$26,015.55 with 90% cost share and the NRCS EQIP payment amount of \$15,050.10 the remaining balance on the voucher to pay is \$8,363.90. Spronk made a motion to approve the amendment and voucher payment. Cunningham seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

E. SWCD Aid Resolution

a. The 2023 SWCD State Aid Resolution was presented. Cunningham made a motion to keep the resolution the same for 2024. Folger seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

F. 2025 Budget Review

a. Krier shared the 2025 SWCD budget numbers.

Reports:

County Commissioner Report:

Nagel – Shared positive feedback on the 2024 Pipestone County Fair.

<u>Johnson</u> – Budget process starts next week for the Redwood River 1W1P meeting.

Supervisor Reports:

Cunningham – Pasture walk coming soon at the farm.

<u>Folger</u> – County hired Ryan Lubke in the IT department.

Christensen – Will be harvesting no-till wheat soon and then planting a cover crop.

<u>Spronk</u> – Rye harvest is done & yields were good. Crops look good. Moisture varies a lot.

NRCS Report: The Sept 6th EQIP batching is coming up, should try to get in by the third round to be able to fund another feedlot. CSP contracts should be signed soon.

Manager's Report: Discussed replacing the tailgate on the 2010 Dodge. Will try to find a used one. Discussed USDA leasing office space that may be available if new building project goes through.

Adjournment:

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

Bill Folger, Vice-Chair