

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Pipestone County Government Center Southwest**  
**1016 8<sup>th</sup> Ave SW Pipestone, Minnesota**

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:**

Nathan Blankers, Melissa Rosendahl, Kyle Krier, Shannon Bootsma, and Nicole Schwebach.

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

**A. Approve Agenda**

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

**B. Approval of Minutes**

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

**C. Financial Report and Approval of Bills**

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

**New Business:**

**D. GBERBA – MAWQCP**

- a. Schwebach presented the MN Ag Water Quality Certification Program Contract and Payment Authorization for Additional SWCD Technical Assistance Funds to help with the costs of the Russell Hedrick Field Day July 17<sup>th</sup>. Christensen made a motion to approve the contract and payment authorization for \$6,000.00. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**E. Cost Share – Contract, Amendment, Voucher**

- a. Krier presented a contract for Casey Scheidt, contract # FY25-DWSMA-01 in the amount of \$4,000.00. The contract was done in conjunction with Nobles County as a Department of Ag reimbursement for hay planting of 4 acres in Olney Township Section 18. Christensen made a motion to approve the contract. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

- b. Bootsma presented a cost share contract amendment for Ken Christensen/Seth Christensen SLSM 1245 Family Partner/The D&S Christensen Family LTD contract #25-Christensen-02 in Grange township section 33 to install a waterway along with mulching and seeding. The project cost estimate originally was \$39,151.53 and was amended due to size, tile and clay concerns. Christensen abstained from discussion and voting on this contract amendment. Spronk made a motion to approve the amendment. Fruechte seconded the motion. Approve: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- c. Bootsma presented a cost share voucher for John DeSchepper, contract # 23-Deschepper-8 in Eden township section 19. The total project cost was \$18,549.50 with 75% cost share the approval amount on the voucher is \$13,912.13 paid out of 2023 State Cost Share. Spronk made a motion to approve the voucher. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

#### **F. Approving Farmer Mentor Agreements**

- a. Bootsma presented the last two signed agreements for Eugene Halbur and Corey Van Stelton. Christensen made a motion to approve these agreements. Fruechte seconded the motion. Approve: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried

#### **G. RCPP Producer Ranking**

- a. Schwebach presented the new ranking and scoring sheet for the RCPP funds. Spronk made a motion to accept the new ranking and batching sheet. Kruisselbrink seconded the motion. Approve: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

#### **Reports:**

##### **County Commissioner Report:**

None.

##### **Supervisor Reports:**

Fruechte – Attended May 1W1P meeting discussing ways to improve outreach and marketing for the program.

Christensen – Attended the 1W1P meeting yesterday. Met Caleb Rempel the new agronomist with New Vision.

Kruisselbrink – Attended RCRCA meeting.

Folger – Has been planting trees.

Spronk - Nothing.

**NRCS Report:** CRP sign up for new and continuous is happening. Doing residue checks. Local Working Group meeting will be held June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Manager's Report:** Staff finished the landscaping at the office. The farmer mentor meet and great will be held at the office on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business Chairman Folger declared the meeting adjourned at 10:30.

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Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer