

- **Minutes of the Pipestone Soil and Water Conservation District Meeting**  
**July 10<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:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Bill Folger, Chairman

**Others Present:**

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

Vice-Chairman Kruisselbrink called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

**A. Approve Agenda**

Fruechte made a motion to approve the July agenda as presented. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

**B. Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Christensen 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. Cost Share Voucher**

- a. Bootsma presented a contract and voucher for Randy Richters, contract # FY25-MDA-1 in the amount of \$262.93. The contract was done in conjunction with Nobles County as a Department of Ag reimbursement for applying a nitrate inhibitor in Clinton township section 11, Rock County. Christensen made a motion to approve the contract and voucher. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.
- b. Bootsma presented a cost share voucher for Ken Christensen/Seth Christensen SLSM 1245 Family Partner/The D&S Christensen Family LTD contract #25-Christensen-02 in Grange township section 33. The total project cost is \$53,808.43 with a 90% cost share amount of \$48,427.59 paid out of 2023 Capacity, 2023 Cost Share and 2024-2025 Cost Share. 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 Ken Christensen/KC Land LLLP contract #25-Christensen-01 in Grange township section 19. The total project cost is \$9,271.42 with a 90% cost share amount of \$8,344.28 paid out of 2024-2025 Cost Share. 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.
- d. Bootsma presented a cost share voucher for Dave Schulze, contract #23-Schulze-5 in Grange township section 25. The total project cost is \$15,889.35 with 75% cost share the approval amount is \$11,917.01 paid out of 2023 Capacity. Fruechte made a motion to approve the voucher. Spronk seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

#### **E. Conservationist of the year**

- a. Spronk made a motion to nominate Jeff DeBates for the 2025 Conservationist of the year with Lyman Paulson as the next nominee. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

#### **F. Fair Booth**

- a. Krier shared the SWCD office has signed up for a booth at the Pipestone County Fair for \$125.00. The booth will be joint with Millenium Recycling. Christensen made a motion to do a \$100 giveaway at the booth. Fruechte seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

#### **G. Budget Review**

- a. Krier reviewed the first draft of the 2026 budget.

#### **H. DNR Well Monitoring Contract**

- a. Krier presented the well monitoring contract with the DNR. The contract pays \$60/well reading on 11 wells and the amount is not to exceed \$3,120.00. Spronk made a motion to accept and sign the contract. Christensen seconded the motion. Affirmative: all. Oppose: none. Motion carried.

### **Reports:**

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

Luke - Starting the budget process soon.

#### **Supervisor Reports:**

Fruechte – Nothing.

Christensen – Attended Area V meeting. Addressing weed management concerns with strip-till this year.

Kruisselbrink – Attended Area V meeting and the tour was good. Crops are good, a lot of weeds this year.

Spronk - Went to the NRCS LWG meeting in Edgerton, the Area V Meeting and the TSA meeting.

**NRCS Report:** Had the Local Working Group Meeting June 25. Some EQIPS have been funded, and they are still accepting CSP applications now.

**Manager's Report:** Starting to promote the RCPP program. Working on a comprehensive plan update for the county.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business Vice-Chairman Kruisselbrink declared the meeting adjourned at 10:25.

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Cal Spronk, Secretary/Treasurer